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The Reds Show  
Their Hand

IN the early part of this year the warning was officially issued that the Communists in Malaya, having lost their long and bitter struggle with British security forces, would turn their attention to Singapore, and through infiltration, propaganda and other insidious forms of influence, jeopardise the peace and prosperity of the Colony. Events have only too truly proved that prophecy. The Communist elements, which during the last six or more months have been growing in and around Singapore, are just as skillfully led as they are well organised. In fomenting the current industrial trouble which has resulted in a succession of strikes, they have shown themselves as adepts at timing. The result of the Singapore elections, which brought into being a new constitutional form of government, was the signal for action by the Communists. Clearly they were aware that the new government, no matter what its composition, would have to go through a difficult and delicate transitional period, making its administration vulnerable to crises of a political, economic and constitutional nature.

THE bus strike, which yesterday, through Communist coercion, developed into the paralyzing of all forms of public road transport, was the first important manifestation of the Communists' determination to embarrass the new government, and at the same time to show their contempt for any constitutional administration. They have made the position of Mr David Marshall, Singapore's Chief Minister, both unenviable and ironical. Ironical because Mr Marshall and his party won the elections largely on their advocacy for the quick repeal of the emergency regulations which the old colonial government deemed necessary to invoke because of the Malaya crisis. Now Mr Marshall finds those emergency powers essential. Thus does political theory have to give way to reality. But if Mr Marshall and his conferees appeared to have their heads somewhat in the clouds when they were electioneering, it can be readily conceded that faced now with a grave threat to their constitutional authority, they have planted their feet firmly on the ground. Mr Marshall's tenacious defence of democracy and his refusal to succumb to the unceasing attempts at intimidation by the Communist and extreme left-wing groups win widespread approval.

MR Marshall has made mistakes and he will probably commit others, but there is in the rough, salty politics of the Chief Minister an admirable gusto and a commendable determination to sort out the Colony's problems and to apply their solution in a thoroughly constitutional manner.

Many people, even from this distance of Hongkong, look somewhat askance at the political complexion of the new Singapore government, yet no right-wing party leader, if in Mr Marshall's position, could show a more fearless attitude to the grave situation which the Communists have deliberately created at the present time, nor have shown more willingness to enforce the necessary counter-measures. The Communists can expect to find they underestimated Mr Marshall when they decided to throw down their challenge to this lawful authority.

Adenauer  
Definitely  
Going  
To Moscow

Washington, June 14. President Dwight Eisenhower and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer agreed today that Dr Adenauer should accept the Soviet invitation to visit Moscow to negotiate the establishment of diplomatic relations with the USSR.

The Chancellor will not go to the Soviet capital, however, until after the Big Four meeting which is to open in Geneva on July 18.

This was disclosed by informed sources today, following talks among Eisenhower, Adenauer and American Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

The Germans will probably suggest that initial contacts between representatives of the Bonn Republic and the USSR take place in Paris or Stockholm before the Moscow negotiations, informed sources said.

Dr Adenauer it was believed here, would make two things clear before going to the Soviet capital.

1. His trip will not constitute recognition of the East German Government.  
2. It will not constitute recognition of the Oder-Neisse line as the eastern border of a unified Germany.

Dr Adenauer was believed to have asked the American leaders what guarantees the US would demand of the Soviet Union in case there was a general settlement involving a reduction in the armed forces of both the East and West in Europe. —France-Press.

Test  
Evacuation  
Today

Washington, June 15. President Eisenhower and his government will evacuate Washington today when 55 cities of the United States take part in a nation-wide civil defence test.

The whole Cabinet and 15,000 civil servants will stay in secret hideouts till the end of the week.

Eight million New Yorkers will have to run to shelters on the assumption that a hydrogen bomb has dropped in Brooklyn and killed nearly three million people.

Three communities in Alaska will be assumed to be hit by guided missiles from Soviet bases.

Submarines will launch "atomic attacks" on Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Panama Canal zone. "Operation Alert" will involve the first mass exodus of the American government since the British burned the White House and the Capitol in the war of 1812. —Reuter.

Postal Workers'  
Strike Threat

Paris, June 14. A French postal workers' union warned tonight it would go out on strike along with other civil servants unless the Government submits satisfactory pay raise proposals.

A postal strike triggered off crippling walkouts in the summer of 1953 throughout France. —France-Press.

Proposal Vetoed

Gaza, June 14. Israel has rejected Egypt's proposal of a two-kilometre wide demilitarised zone along the troubled Gaza border line. Lt-Col Francis Xavier Giacomelli, United Nations Chairman of the Mixed Egyptian-Israeli Armistice Commission, informed the Egyptian side tonight. —Reuter.

Dr Adenauer Utters  
A Warning  
MAY EMPLOY RESOURCES  
TO HELP ALLIES

Washington, June 14.

The West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, today cautioned against the danger that the Soviet Union might employ its resources—especially its military strength—in the Pacific after a settlement with the West had been obtained in Europe.

The Chancellor made this statement at a press reception and press conference shortly after he had conferred with President Eisenhower.

Dr Adenauer said the forthcoming conference between the Big Four heads of government might "possibly be of decisive importance to the free world and also to the question of the reunification of Germany."

"It seems to me that sometimes a somewhat artificial distinction is made between the Atlantic area and the area of the Pacific."

"In my opinion it is important to recognise the fact that in the Atlantic and in the Pacific the adversary is the same," Dr Adenauer said.

Dr Adenauer added: "If we pacify this opponent in Europe and thus relieve him of certain burdens we will give him the opportunity to employ his resources thus set free and especially his military strength somewhere in the Pacific."

Dr Adenauer said: "I believe it is important in this connection always to keep in mind that when you face a single adversary there are no separate wars. In this context certainly the law of communicating vessels is applicable."

Dr Adenauer said that in Europe the situation which had been frozen for so long had become fluid in a surprisingly rapid succession of events after the ratification of the Paris treaties on European unity.

He added: "As you know indeed, it has always been my opinion that only the conclusion of these treaties would provide the preliminary conditions which would make possible negotiations with the East."

WILL HONOUR HER  
OBLIGATIONS

"In recent weeks it has been said that we Germans might be prepared again to sacrifice our partnership with the Western nations and the obligations which we have just undertaken."

"In answer to this I can assure you most emphatically: Germany will honour her obligations," Dr Adenauer said.

Dr Adenauer again turned aside the question of a neutral West Germany.

"Such a vacuum as this in the heart of Europe would represent a constant danger for everyone," he said.

"I believe that the advocates of this idea do not take into consideration that there are strong Communist parties in both France and Italy and that the Soviet Union seeks to undermine us in a way that frankly cannot be imagined."

PROBABLE EFFECT  
OF NEUTRALISATION

"In my opinion the neutrality or neutralisation of Germany would in a relatively short time permit Soviet Russia to extend her power over all of Western Europe. I do not think that the United States would desire such a thing," he said.

"The free world—and especially the United States—is standing on the threshold of what may be a long period of negotiations with an opponent for whom the factor of time does not exist."

He said that representatives of the Soviet Union did not have to take into account differences of opinion between themselves and public opinion in their countries.

"I think that all the peoples of the free nations should keep this in mind and especially those who influence public opinion in those countries," he said.

Replying to questions, Dr Adenauer said he did not think the Soviet peace offensive in Europe was a "nausea" for action in the Far East, but he added:

"Still, we must not forget that all the planes, guns and ammunition which the Soviet

"Summit" Talks To Last  
A Week, Proposal

From DEREK MARKS

London, June 14. Britain, the United States and France are to agree to Russia's request that the Big Four talks "at the summit" should last more than three days.

I understand the Western powers will suggest the four heads of government should meet at Geneva for a week starting July 18.

It is believed in London that the Russians want the talks to last at least three weeks. The new approach by the West will represent a compromise.

Both London and Paris agree it is impossible for President Eisenhower, who is both head of state and head of government, to be away from the United States longer than a fortnight—the total time involved in a 10-day conference.

So the President isn't expected to visit either Britain or France on his trip to Europe. —London Express Service.

Union is allowed to withdraw  
from the Atlantic area may be  
made available to its Asiatic  
allies, and this is a point which  
we must never lose sight of."

AGRICULTURAL  
CRISIS

He did not believe the Soviet Union's internal position would permit action in the Far East, and he said the agricultural crisis in particular was extremely serious.

Asked how urgent was the threat that the Soviet Union would transfer resources to the Pacific, the Chancellor replied it was clear that the Soviet Union had at its disposal only a certain amount of force and strength.

The greater the power it had for use in the Atlantic area, the less it could use in the Pacific or make available to its allies in the Pacific, and vice versa.

"This question was not always seen in its proper perspective in the United States."

He added: "I believe it is wrong to say the United States is confronted with two fronts. I think there is only one front for

the United States, one part in  
the Atlantic, the other part in  
the Pacific."

SECURITY SYSTEMS  
MODEL

Dr Adenauer said it was in the interests of the Soviet Union that they should release East Germany. It was in their interests on the basis of the obligation they had as an occupying power and in conformity with the wish of ninety per cent of East Zone Germans to be free.

Questioned about his proposals for a European security system, he said that this system should be based on the Western European Union. He pointed out that one of the vital features of the Western European Union was its emphasis on the limitation of armaments.

"I think this structure and organisation could be taken for a model for all security systems," he added.

Dr Adenauer was frequently and enthusiastically interrupted several times by applause from several hundred correspondents. —Reuter.

"Shadow Cabinet"  
BEVAN  
TO SEEK  
ELECTION  
NEW BID FOR  
INFLUENCE

London, June 14.

Mr Aneurin Bevan, the British left-wing Labour leader, was tonight reported to be making a bid to return to Labour's "shadow cabinet" in the House of Commons from which he resigned more than a year ago.

He was said to be among around 40 Labour MPs already nominated—a record number for the 12 elected posts in the "shadow cabinet" which directs the Labour Party's policy in parliament.

Labour politicians expect Mr Bevan will regain his place among the leaders which he gave up in protest at Labour's official support for West German rearmament and the Southeast Asian Treaty Organisation.

A CHALLENGE  
Labour left-wingers—who have only one of their representatives on the body, Mr Harold Wilson—are hoping to boost their strength and a number of Mr Bevan's chief lieutenants are seeking election.

Nominations for the shadow cabinet from the 277 Labour MPs close on Thursday and they will vote next week.

Apart from the 12 "elected" members, the group also includes Mr Clement Attlee, Party leader, Mr Herbert Morrison, his deputy—both unanimously re-elected last week—the Chief Whip (Party manager) and three representatives of the Labour group in the House of Lords.

THREE STEP DOWN  
Already three "old guard" Labour leaders have stepped down from the "shadow cabinet" and declined re-nomination since the Party's defeat at the general election.

They are Mr Hugh Dalton, 68, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Emanuel Shinwell, 70, one-time Defence Minister, and Mr Chuter Ede, 72, former Home Secretary. Another, Mr Glenvil Hall, 66, is also reported unwilling to stand for re-election.

A fifth vacancy on the body has been caused because Sir Frank Soskice, former Solicitor-General, failed to find a seat which he could contest at the general election. —Reuter.

Swordfish  
Sinks Boat

Rome, June 14. A jealous fighting swordfish injured two fishermen and sank their boat off the coast of Sicily yesterday.

The fishermen said the swordfish started circling their small boat and giving them dirty looks after they had harpooned a female swordfish, probably his mate.

They said they finally harpooned the swordfish but before they could haul him in, he rammed his knife-like bill through the bottom of the boat, sinking it and injuring both of them.

The hapless fishermen were picked up by nearby boats. —France-Press.

Girl Thief  
Swallows Ring

London, June 14.

Nora O'Donnell, a 20-year-old Irish girl who swallowed her sister's diamond engagement ring, was today sent to gaol for a day with the ring still inside her.

She pleaded guilty in a court here to stealing the ring worth £15.

A detective told the court Nora said she "swallowed" the ring when she picked her up in a police car. Just to make sure he sent her for an x-ray examination and the photograph plate showed she told the truth.

Nora first appeared in court yesterday when the magistrate remanded her in custody for 24 hours. —China Mail Special.

The Dock Strike  
SETTLEMENT  
IN SIGHT

London, June 15.

Mr N. W. Newman, Assistant-Secretary of the Amalgamated Union of Sleydors and Dockers said today that "great progress" has been made towards ending the 24-day-old walkout which has tied up some 200 ships in seven British ports.

Mr Newman made the statement after meeting with officials at the Labour Ministry and after his Union had examined letters received from the Trade Union Congress (TUC) and waterfront employers.

It is expected that a decision on the strike will be made at a "sifters" meeting to be held later today.

The walkout which threw some 20,000 dockers out of work stemmed from the unions demanding for national recognition and the right to bargain with management. —France-Press.

STOP PRESS

MOTORIST  
MURDERED IN  
SINGAPORE

Singapore, June 15. Most of Singapore's taxi drivers were back on the road today as the leftwing attempt to call a general strike moved into its third day.

Early today, a driving instructor, Pek Boon-yan, was stabbed to death by six Chinese who dragged him from his car in Cross Street.

Pek was talking to his wife outside the commercial sub-branch of the Criminal Investigation Branch when he was attacked.

The police report said that no motive was known for the murder.

Late last night, two cars owned by Europeans employed by a food selling business were set afire but were only slightly damaged.

Sixty-one women shortly after midnight, climbed into police vans outside a factory owned by Fraser and Neave. They were driven to a police station after refusing to leave the vans and later were released.

There were no fresh reports of any new workers joining the strikers. —Reuter.

Back To  
Work Rail  
Agreement  
Conditions

London, June 14.

The end of Britain's 17-day-old rail strike came after a day of dramatic negotiations among some 30 union, government and railway officials in the office of the Labour Minister, Sir Walter Monckton.

In announcing the end of the strike, Sir Walter said: "I have never been more satisfied in all my life."

The strike which began on May 27, cost the railways a total of near £45,000,000.

Wage increases accepted by the railways were expected to increase the deficit and lead to an increase in rail fares.

Business throughout Britain suffered and it was expected that it will require several weeks for several companies to dispose of the stocks accumulated during the period of the strike.

THREE POINTS

Today's agreement between railway officials and the Unions included the following points:

1. The railway officials accepted the principle of an increase in salary for certain categories of workers on trains.

2. Negotiations will open within seven days, following the end of the strike, among railway officials and the two unions involved—the National Union of Railwaymen (NUR) and the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (ASLEF).

3. The Transport Commission has proposed a special bonus for certain categories of engineering and an extension of the mileage bonus system. Lord Justice Sir William Morris has been appointed arbitrator in the strike and will start private hearings tomorrow.

SINGLE ARBITRATOR

The appointment of Sir William suggested by the Transport Commission—Chairman, General Sir Brian Robertson yesterday, marks the first time a single arbitrator has been used instead of an arbitration board.

Sir Brian Robertson said passenger traffic will begin on the railways immediately and freight traffic will be within two or three days.

It is expected that wage boosts will be given to the locomotive engineers, switchmen and communications workers belonging to the ASLEF and the NUR alike.

The Labour Party leader Mr Clement Attlee has asked for a House of Commons debate on the strike to be held next week. —France-Press.

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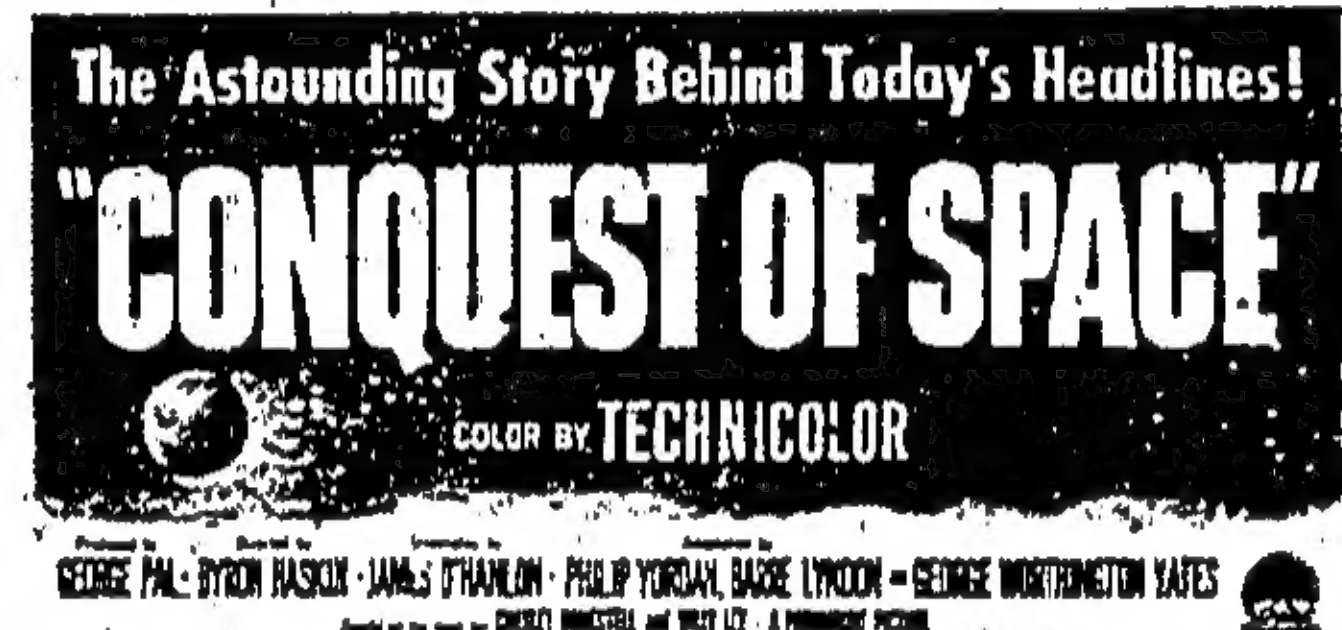
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**ALGERIAN PEACE PLAN****French Government****Accepts Most Of The Points ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND ARMY MEASURES**

Paris, June 14.

The French Government today adopted most of Governor-General Jacques Soustelle's plan for restoring peace in violence-torn Algeria.

The plan, including economic and political as well as military measures, will get its final approval at a formal Cabinet session under the President, M. Rene Coty, tomorrow.

The Prime Minister, M. Edgar Faure, called his Ministers together last night and kept them in session until early today to decide on what must be done to keep North Africa from going down the bloody road to war like Indo-China did.

**ALARMED**

The Cabinet was particularly alarmed by reports of increased warfare among the French in Morocco. A French publisher, M. Jacques Lemaigre-Dubreuil, who recommended co-operation with Moroccans, was assassinated on Saturday night.

A former Prime Minister, M. Pierre Mendes-France, flew to Casablanca for the public funeral. He was preceded by M. Roger Wybot, head of France's counter-intelligence DST (Direction Pour La Surveillance Du Territoire), who was sent to check up on security measures in the territory.

Some officials have complained that Moroccan terrorists are tried by the French-run courts but that French "counter-terrorists" who kill Moroccans are escaping punishment.

M. Wybot was expected to make a personal investigation into M. Lemaigre-Dubreuil's death. He will later report to the Government on what measures should be taken to make sure justice is done, a Cabinet spokesman said today.

M. Soustelle's plan calls for the creation of two more departments (States) in Algeria, making a total of five, and the setting up of 18 more subdivisions (Arrondissements).

Officials in Algeria believe that there are not enough French officials in the outlying areas, and this has caused such sections to lose touch with the mainland.

**INDUSTRIALISATION**

The plan also calls for greater industrialisation to help alleviate the critical unemployment situation caused by the high birth rate of the natives.

Furthermore, it calls for the application of a Statute already passed by the Assembly to make certain concessions to Algerian customs.

Under this Statute, Arabic would be an official language along with French and not taught in the schools as a foreign language. There would also be more freedom for the exercise of the Mohammedan religion.

United Press.

**BIG FUNERAL**

Casablanca, June 14. More than 2,000 Moroccans joined other mourners today at the Casablanca Cathedral funeral of Jacques Lemaigre-Dubreuil, publisher of Maroc-Presse, and supporter of Franco-Moroccan friendship, who was assassinated on Saturday by counter-terrorists.

Among the Moroccans were workmen in blue denim, dockers who had come from nearby ports, tradesmen, and many middle class local residents, as well as several well known Nationalists.

There were also many women present, some of whom had lowered their veils and others who were weeping.

Representing France was Moroccan Resident General Francis Lacoste from the capital of Rabat for the funeral.

After the service the congregation filed past the catafalque, then dispersed silently under the watchful eye of the police.—France-Press.

**LATTIMORE COUNTS TURNED DOWN**

Washington, June 14. A Federal Appeals Court today turned down the most recent of six counts in a perjury indictment against Mr. Owen Lattimore, Far Eastern Affairs specialist, accused of having promoted Communism.

Today's ruling was the latest in a long drawn-out legal battle dating back to 1952. The



The Prime Minister of Thailand, Field-Marshal Pibul Songgram, on arrival at London Airport. He paid a six-day goodwill visit to Britain. Mrs. Hastanaand of Bangkok is pictured greeting the Prime Minister at London Airport. Express Photo.

**INDONESIANS ALARMED****TURCO WESTERLING DISAPPEARS**

The Hague, June 14.

Dutch soldier of fortune, Captain Turco Westerling was reported by the Police of the West Frisian Islands tonight to have disappeared from his residence there, where he has been staying since the departure of the armoured yacht Evipan on June 10.

The Evipan, property of the "Dutch Conservative Party", although believed to be intending to sail for the South Molucca Islands, was this morning surrounded by a police cordon in the German port of Leer with orders to prevent Westerling getting aboard.

Information from Djakarta in Indonesia tonight indicates there is uneasiness in Indonesian circles about a possible return of Westerling, instigator of the revolt in Bandung in 1950.

The President of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Indonesian Parliament told the Nationalist newspaper Suluh Indonesia tonight that in such an eventuality the Government would take emergency measures against Dutch nationals in Indonesia and would break off diplomatic relations with the Low Countries.

**PAPERS IN ORDER**

Mr. Joseph Luna, Dutch Minister without portfolio, for Foreign Affairs, said here tonight before his departure for San Francisco, that the Dutch judicial authorities could not legally confiscate the yacht Evipan because all its papers are in order.

He added that Westerling has no passport and could be arrested if he tried to cross the Dutch frontier by subterfuge. "But if he disappears," the Minister said, in conclusion, "The Dutch Government cannot do anything more to stop this comedy."—France-Press.

**MacGillivray****Warns****Malaya**

London, June 14. The British High Commissioner in Malaya, Sir Donald MacGillivray, said here today that a general election is due in Malaya next month and that the Communists will probably do everything they can to embarrass the freely elected government as they have in Singapore.

The High Commissioner returned to Britain by air today to make a report to the Colonial Office.

Sir Donald estimated that Malayan terrorists still number nearly 4,000 and said that those who are still at large are really the hardcore—experienced jungle fighters and convinced Communists.

Sir Donald said that terrorists who were surrendering now were doing so out of sheer starvation and desperation, or disillusionment with communism as a doctrine.—France-Press.

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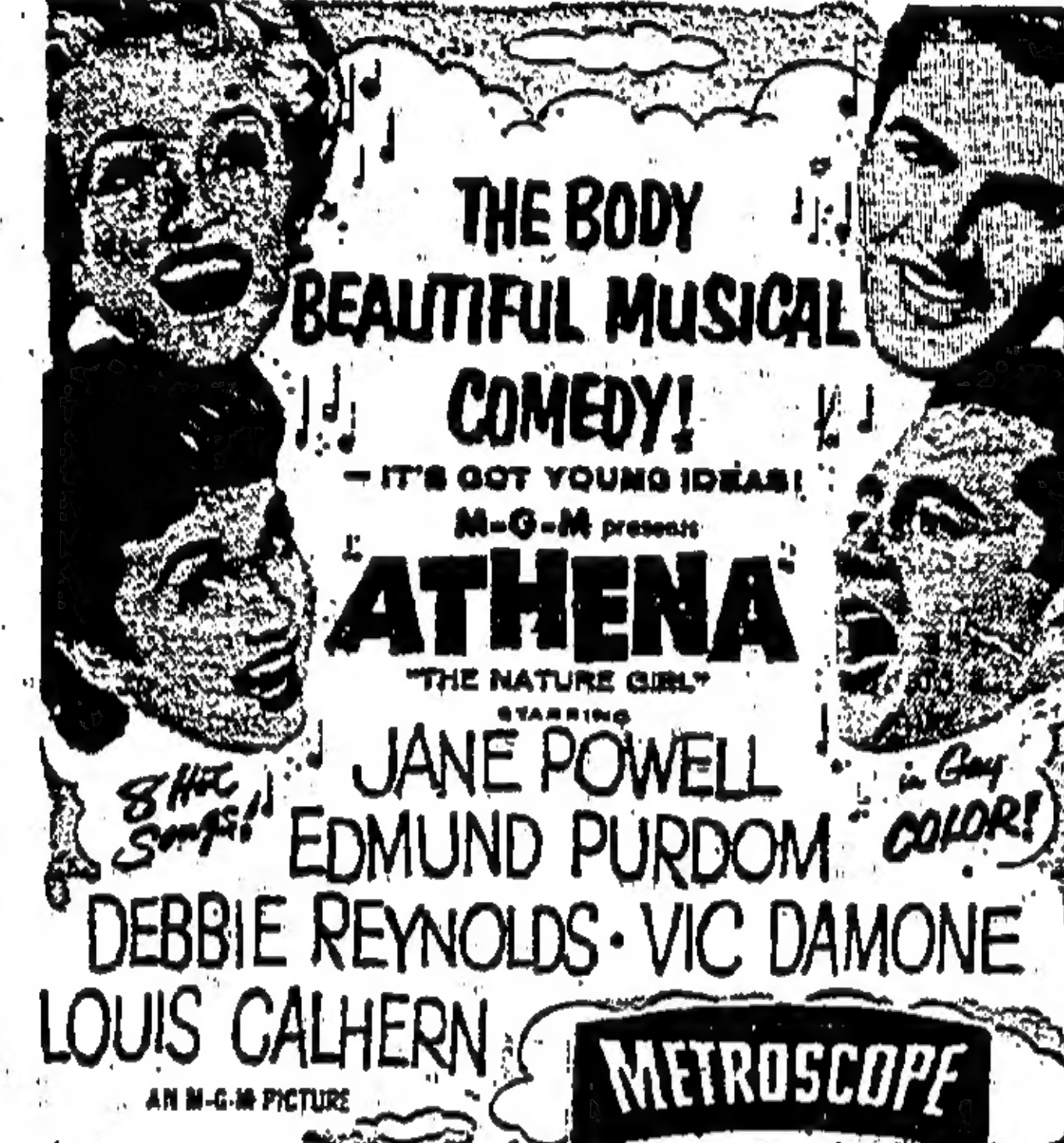
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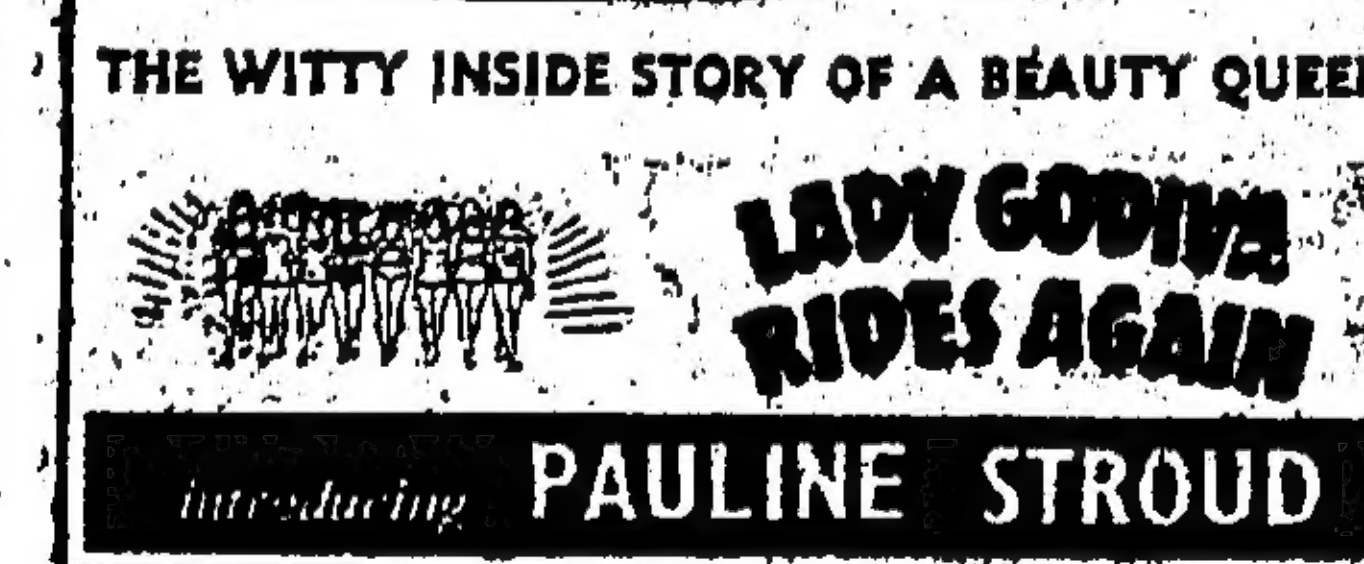
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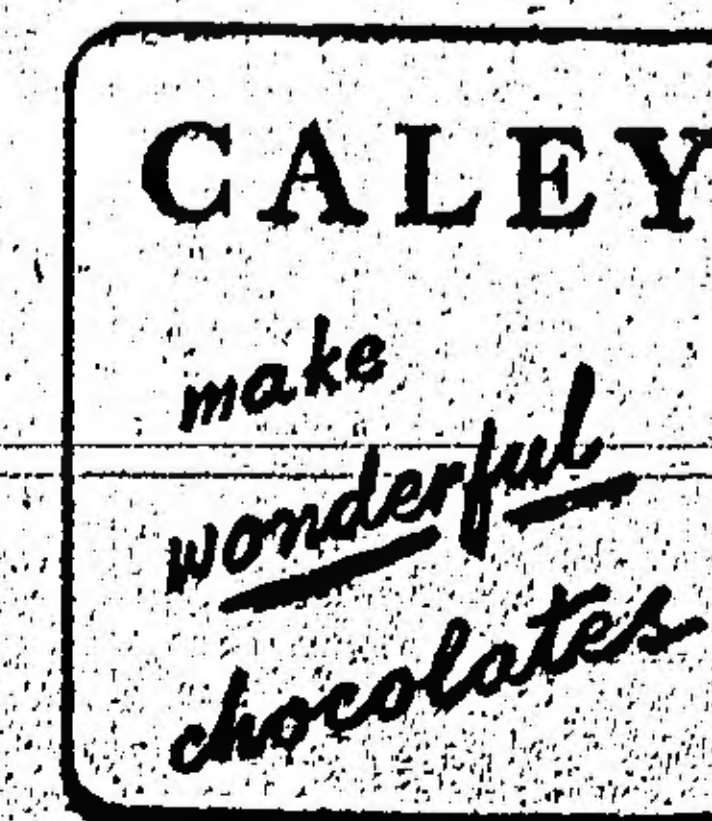
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## CANDIDATE FOR WAR CRIMINAL

Moscow, June 11. Sir John Cockcroft, head of the British atomic research establishment at Harwell, is the latest addition to the list of "candidates for war criminal" in the Soviet Union.

For several months a number of Western, particularly British and American, military and political leaders and scientists have been accused in the Soviet press of "propagating atomic war" and laying themselves open to charges as "war criminals" in any future war.

Sir John Cockcroft's name has now been added to this group by a senior Soviet scientist, A. Komar, in a speech at Leningrad to the Physical and Technical Institute, of which he is director.

Calling on Soviet scientists to sign the World Peace Appeal, organised under Communist sponsorship, Mr Komar was reported by the newspaper Literary Gazette as saying:

"The leader of the British atom-mongers John Cockcroft has not once spoken up for the peaceful use of atomic energy. In what way do these people differ from war criminals?"

"They are literate enough, they cannot say that they were deceived or misinformed,"—China Mail Special.

## SUN'S ECLIPSE

Tokyo, June 14. A group of 40 scientists who will observe the eclipse of the sun on June 20 left Kagoshima port Kyushu, Japan's southernmost island, today aboard the 633-ton training ship Kagoshima Maru of Kagoshima University.

They will observe the eclipse from a point in waters west of the Caroline Islands.—China Mail Special.

## Strike Called To Hold Huge Rally

Buenos Aires, June 14. Argentina's General Labour Confederation staged a general strike today and held a huge rally in support of President Peron's campaign against the Roman Catholic Church.

Normal activities throughout the city were brought to a standstill permitting the Peron regime to roll up one of the biggest crowds in its 12-year history.

Tens of thousands of Peronists gathered in the Plaza del Congreso, one of the largest open spaces in the city, to pay homage to the Argentine flag, which the Government charges was desecrated in weekend disorders by Catholic groups.

**HOMAGE TO EVA.** The pro-Government demonstrators also paid homage to President Peron's late wife, Eva.

Streams of marchers and car, truck and bus caravans poured into the square while a police helicopter hovered above. The advancing columns chanted, "Peron yes, the priests no."

Some marchers waved nooses and shouted: "To the gallows." The city's shops and factories were shuttered and barred long before the general strike was called.

It was the fourth straight day of anti-clerical demonstrations touched off on Saturday when a Papal flag was hoisted on top of a flagpole of the Congress building. Peronists also have charged that the Catholic groups lowered and burned the Argentine colours.

Earlier today, the Government dismissed two leading priests from high posts in the Church hierarchy. Msgr Manuel Tato was removed as auxiliary Bishop, Vice-General and Canon. Msgr Ramon Carlos Novoa was dismissed as Canon and Decan. Both were members of the Curia.

**ACCUSATIONS.** They were accused of mixing religion and politics and of active participation in weekend disturbances.

Under the constitution which makes Roman Catholicism the official State religion, the Government exercises patronage powers over Church appointments and can promote, demote or remove Bishops at will.

President Peron was at the Interior Ministry watching the rally over television. However, the crowd insisted for 30 minutes that he appear and address them. He drove to the Congress building with the Interior Minister, Angel Bor-

lenghi. They arrived at 5.50 p.m. amid a thunderous ovation. President Peron took a seat in the official stand. Then Hector del Piero, Secretary-General of the General Labour Confederation (CGT), tried to speak but was interrupted with shouts of "we want Peron."

Finally, del Piero was allowed to speak. He referred to the Papal flag as an imperialist flag, said CGT Deputies would insist that the bones of Argentine national heroes be removed from Church custody, and said that the CGT assumed full responsibility for all acts to consolidate the Peron Government.

At 6.10 p.m., at the clamorous insistence of the multitude, President Peron began to speak. He said: "Our flag, representing the glories and traditions of our patriot forefathers and representing the justice, sovereignty, freedom and solidarity of our people, should not be desecrated."

"Since the most remote antiquity, men have served one flag, when they have been honest and honourable. There is nothing more dangerous than men who serve two flags."

**OBVIOUS REFERENCE.** This was an obvious reference to the Catholic custom of intertwining the Papal and Argentine flags.

President Peron then recalled his late wife Eva who, he said, had served the people even to the point of sacrifice. He thanked the people for coming to the ceremony to honour her memory.

President Peron told the people they would decide the issue at the polls. He referred to the forthcoming election for delegates to a National Constituent Assembly that will repeal constitutional provisions making Roman Catholicism Argentina's official Church.

In exchange for that, he said, "I want to ask the workers that in the events which are happening these days they let me play this game. I ask the people for tranquility and patience. The moment has not arrived to do anything yet. If it does come, I will give the order. Any disturbance or action now would be to waste powder on a worthless target."—United Press.

**US PROTEST AGAINST LUFTHANSA.**

Washington, June 14. The agreement between the United States and the newly organised West German Lufthansa air line, due to be signed today, has been indefinitely postponed, because of protests from American airlines, a State Department spokesman said.

The spokesman, Mr Thorsten Kiljari, an assistant in the Department, made the statement to the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

According to the projected agreement, the following lines would have been opened to the German company:

1. Germany-New York, Boston, Philadelphia.

2. Germany to the Caribbean Islands.

3. Germany-South America.

4. A line over the North Pole to California.

5. A line to Chicago via Canada.

**"TOO GENEROUS"**

Senator Warren Magnuson (Democrat of Washington), President of the Committee, said during debate that the planned agreement seemed to him to be "too generous."

Mr Magnuson announced that the Senate was investigating the affair.

Mr Magnuson and Republican Senator John Butler (Maryland) said they did not see why the United States should be the first country to sign an airline agreement with Germany.—France Press.



These lovelies arriving at Helsinki for the Miss Europe contest are (left to right) Ellvevi Larsson (Miss Sweden), Despula Vourlistaki (Miss Greece), Monique Lambert (Miss France), Claud Ivri (Miss Switzerland), Inga-Britt Soderberg (Miss Finland) and Sonja Dahnk (Miss Germany).—Express Photo.

## Cowdrey's Discharge From RAF QUESTIONS IN COMMONS

London, June 14.

A member of Parliament suggested today that Colin Cowdrey, the young England cricketer, who has been discharged from national service by the Royal Air Force because of foot trouble, could have been kept on "to peel spuds."

Mr W. W. Hamilton, Labour, suggested this in the House of Commons when Cowdrey's discharge had been referred to by another Labour member, Mr Norman Dodds.

In such circumstances it was not the practice to call up a man for further service.

Mr Dodds said that in the RAF there were several medical grades and some men could only wear canvas shoes.

**SURELY FITTED.** If he was fit to undertake a tour of that nature surely he was "fit to peel spuds in the RAF," he said.

Mr H. Watkinson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, said it sounded a "very attractive proposition" on the surface but in fact the ser-

vice had to look at a man as to his future liability to them.

Mr Dodds had earlier asked when it was proposed to call him up to complete his national service on suitable duties in the Army. This practice, he said, had been followed in numerous other cases where the RAF's requirements had not been reached.

Mr Watkinson said that after the man's entry the RAF obtained its own consultants' opinion and he was below the minimum physical standard.

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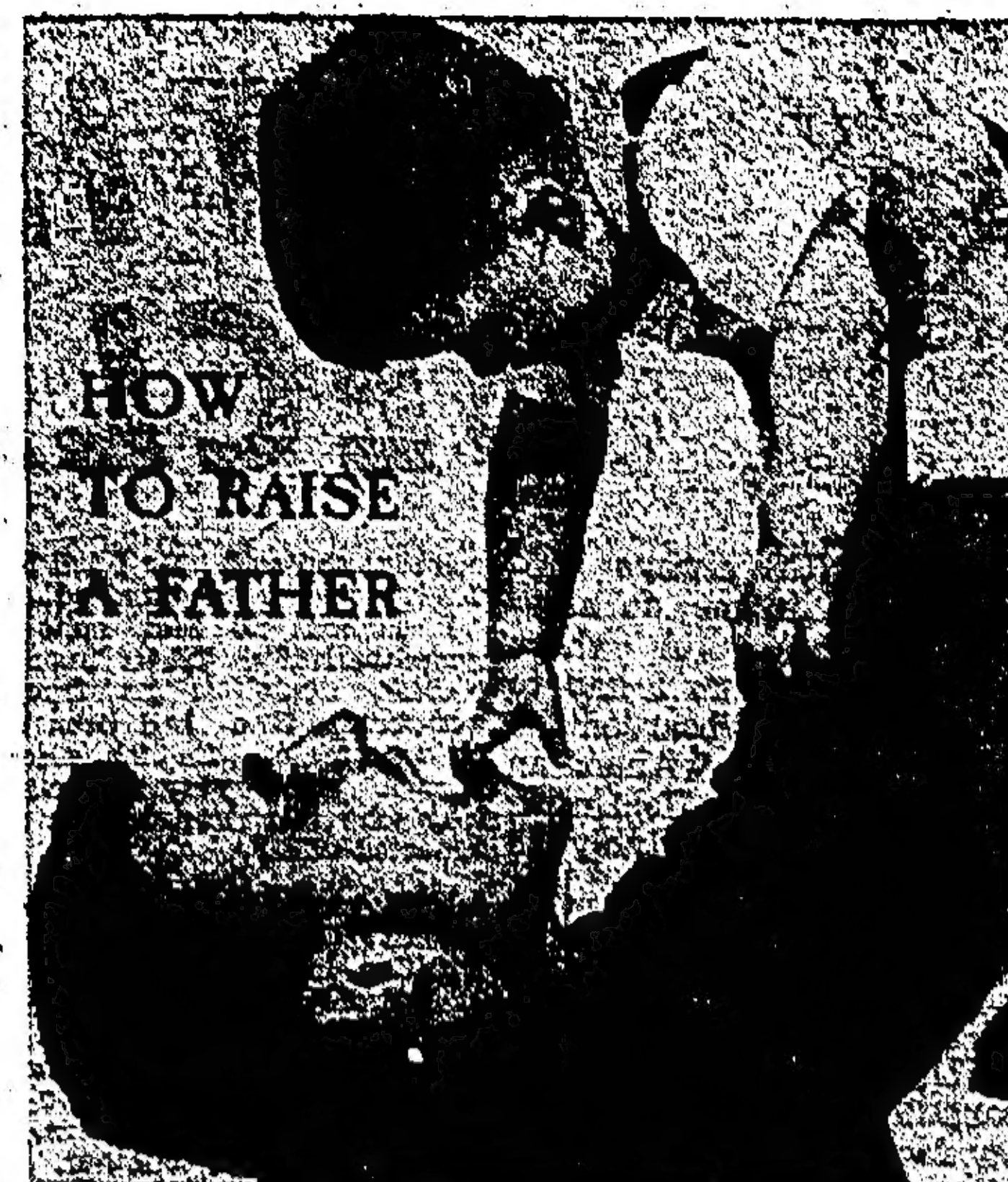
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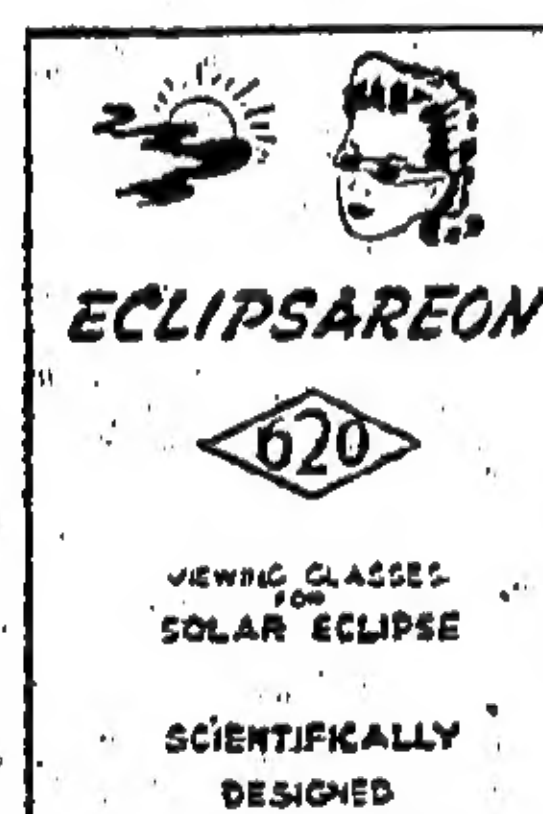
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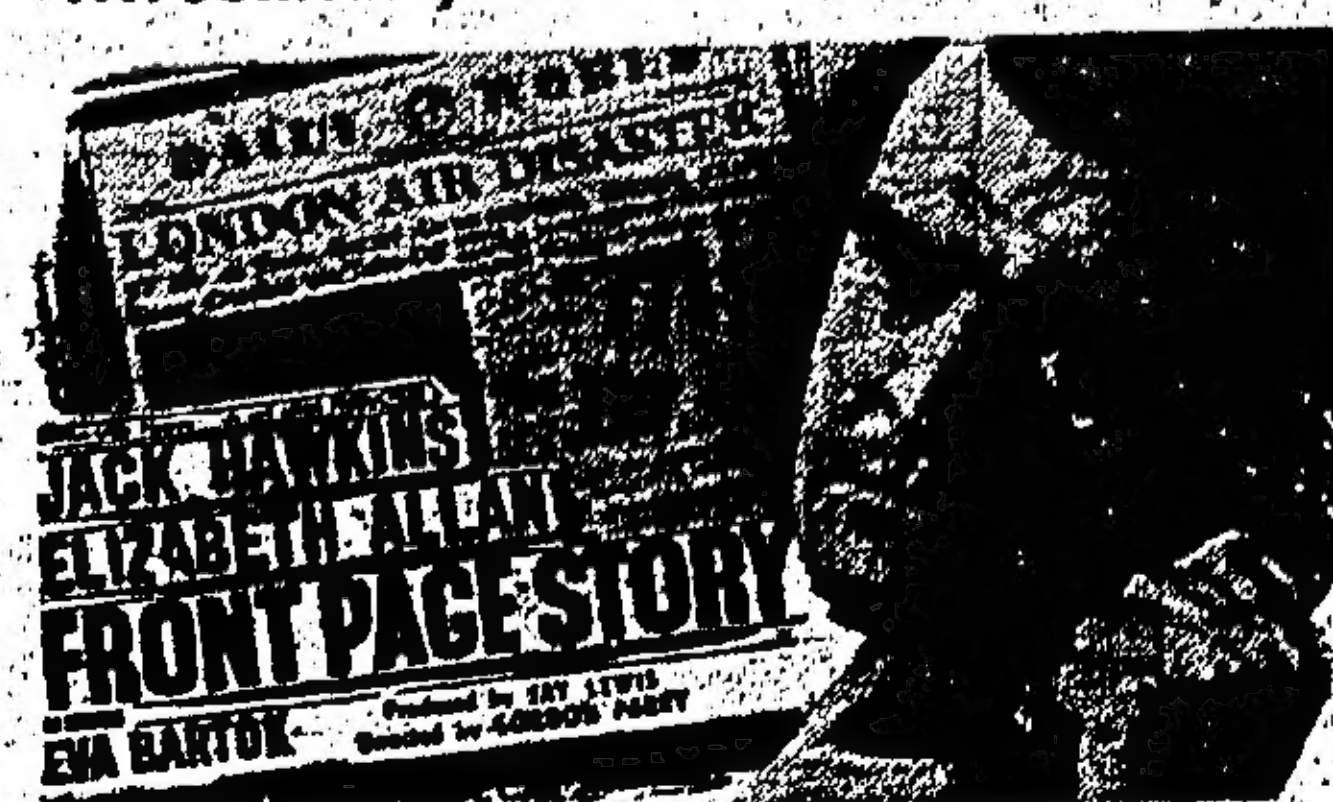
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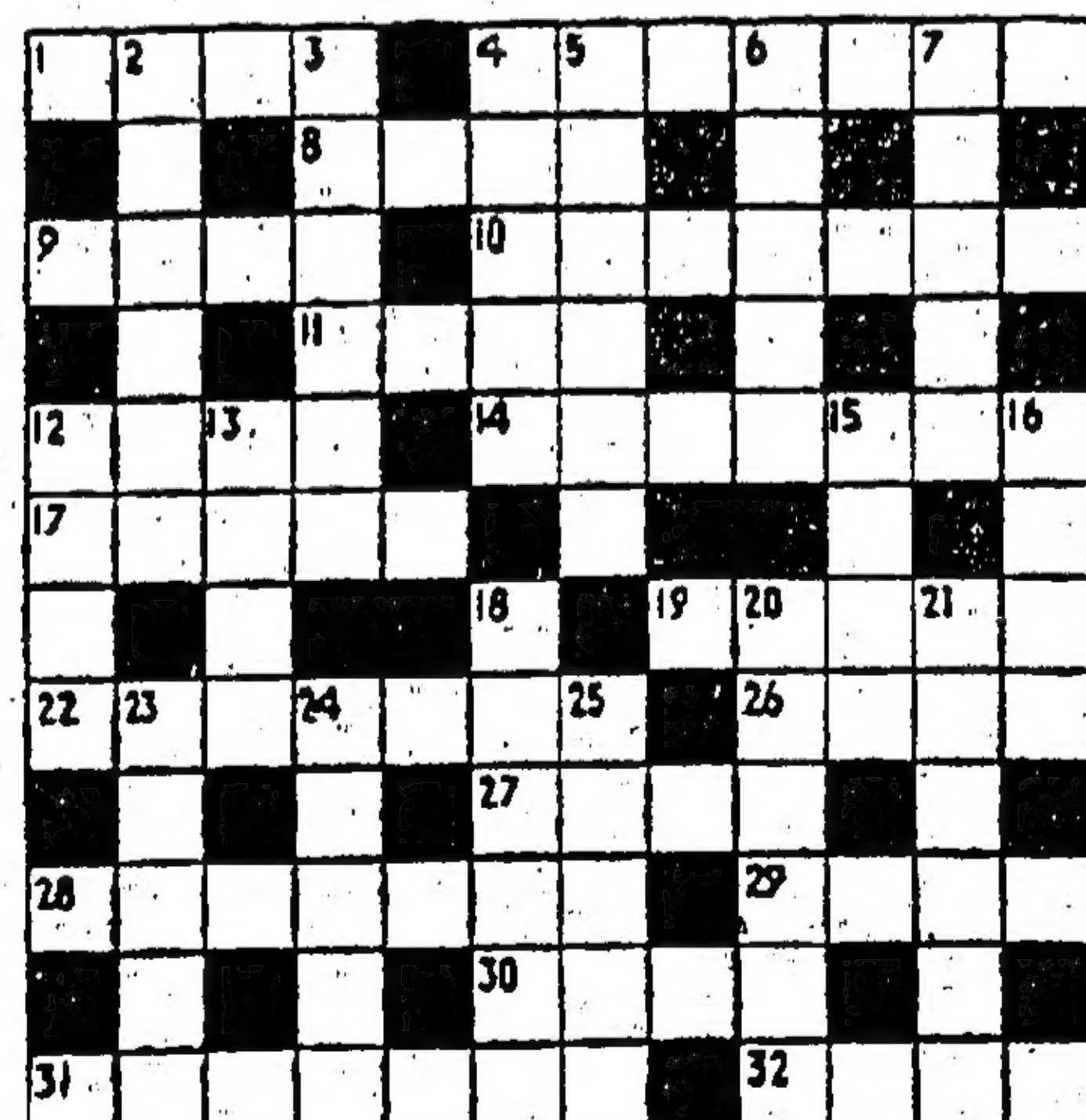


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### ACROSS

- 1 Entreats (4).
- 4 Waited (7).
- 8 Copy unfairly (4).
- 9 Rank (4).
- 10 Gets the better of (7).
- 11 Way out (4).
- 12 Heap (4).
- 14 Removed from office (7).
- 17 Make reparation (5).
- 19 Manservant (5).
- 22 Negotiated (7).
- 23 Sanguinary (4).
- 27 Attitude (4).
- 28 Bargained (7).
- 29 Tidy (4).
- 30 Old (4).
- 31 Alarm (7).
- 32 Helps (4).

### DOWN

- 2 Bring to light (6).
- 3 Hide (8).
- 4 Shy (5).
- 5 Lessened (6).
- 6 Proportion (5).
- 7 Weird (8).
- 12 Agreement (4).
- 13 Solitary (4).
- 15 Unaided effort (4).
- 16 Tax (4).
- 18 Abrogate (6).
- 20 Things to be done (6).
- 21 Commission (6).
- 23 Cook (5).
- 24 Rage (5).
- 25 Trick (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Decamp, 5 Cells, 8 Error, 9 Caruso, 10 Eases, 11 Spurs, 12 Agree, 13 Cease, 15 Assess, 18 Assets, 20 Dates, 22 Coma, 23 Reaps, 25 Again, 26 Paring, 27 Atoll, 28 Reels, 29 Etched. Down: 1 Declared, 2 Carousal, 3 Meas, 4 Propose, 5 Coraces, 6 Eracts, 7 Leaks, 14 Astonish, 15 Enlarged, 16 Assents, 17 Supple, 19 Serial, 21 Angle, 24 Sail.



# NOTHING TO DECLARE

## DID IT HAPPEN?

THINGS always happen to me on aeroplanes. A short while ago I had to go to Berlin. I boarded the four-engine American aeroplane at Heathrow, settled back comfortably in my seat and was just fastening the safety belt when a man came lurching down the aisle.

When he reached me he paused unsteadily, brushing my face with the buttons of his thick woollen coat as he pushed a case on to the rack above my head. Then he flopped into the place beside me, his body falling across ways, his elbow on my knee. Slowly a cloud of alcohol formed around us.

"I'm exhausted," he announced. I looked at him. He must have been about forty; his voice was thick, not only with drink but also with some Scandinavian accent. He had that pasty winter skin that makes one think of Eskimos and whole blubber, and he did not look very intelligent. He was clearly going to be a tiresome companion.

### In the bar

Indeed, he had shifted his weight off my knee and was now pulling my sleeve. "Ole!" he said. "I'm Ole!" He pointed at me. "Who are you?" "Peter," I replied. "Good," Ole and Peter, we're brothers!" There was a roar of engines and the aeroplane took to the air. For a moment my friend lay back in his seat, then he turned to me again. "You know the Maple-leaf?" (I use a name that conceals a well-known hotel in Mayfair.) I nodded. "Last night I go there. I see a woman. I go up to her. How much do you want?" I ask. A hundred

pounds, she said. So I tell her, I give you three hundred. I looked at him none too sympathetically. Three hundred pounds. Could it be true, I wondered. Who had been advising him on English prices? Was it some very respectable lady who had risen to this unexpected offer?

"Did you say three hundred pounds?" A fair young man with an inquisitive face leaned over from the other side of the aisle. At once we recognised one another. It was Don, a journalist friend, who was on his way to Berlin, too, and we were delighted to see one another.

### FACT or FICTION—that's the problem.

Find the answer tomorrow—with another story by a famous author to keep you guessing...

We reached across Ole to shoulder. "Ole buys you a shake hands," he announced. He made pleasure and joined his own warm fingers to our clasp. "Don," he said. "Don, Ole, Peter. We all brothers."

"I'm sorry to butt in," said Don, "but after all, I couldn't help hearing. Three hundred pounds. That's a hell of a lot, isn't it?"

"Money must be spent," said Ole modestly. Then he continued. "This morning I woke up and I feel very bad. I think of my wife. We have been married eighteen years. We have a house near Oslo by a fjord, and I think of her waiting for my return. I think I must buy her a present. So I go to Bond Street—you know Bond Street?—and I buy her a bracelet. Eighteen thousand pounds. He jerked a finger upwards. "It's in my case," I raised my head. There peering over the edge of the rack I could just see the handle of the travelling bag.

After this he closed his eyes. And I must have fallen asleep as well because the next I knew was the steward's voice saying: "Fasten your safety belt."

Amsterdam," and his hand pushing a large parcel into my arms. It was a bottle of brandy, wrapped around in paper. "What's this?" "It's from the gentleman," he pointed to Ole, who was wide awake and smiling happily. The steward passed down the aeroplane handing out parcels to every passenger. Ole stood up in his seat. "Merry Christmas everyone," he said.

The other passengers were still staring at him in surprise when the aeroplane landed. The steward announced "a forty minute wait for refuelling. Ole clapped Don and myself on the



Ole hung by the arms between two stewards...

Drawing by Hesselstine.

## By PETER BROOK



ROUND THE MOON and The Little Hut are only two of Peter Brook's London productions. He has had the same phenomenal success in New York and in Germany, which he toured with Measure for Measure in 1950. All this from the provocative young man—he is not yet 30—who was a professional script writer at 16. At 17 he was producing Dr. Faustus at Oxford, where he was a Magdalen undergraduate. At 20 he was transfixing Stratford with his talent, and at 22 he was installed at Covent Garden as Director of Productions. Married to actress Natasha Furry, he lives in Kensington, regards air travel as one of his main recreations.

His pale face sagged. "It is over. Back to the fjords, to the factory..." He automatically pushed a note that was lying on the counter a little farther away from him.

"To my wife." Then his look softened. He was getting very drunk indeed. "Do you think she will like my present? Do you think she will like the bracelet? Do you think so?" We both reassured him. We were sure she would be delighted. After all, for eighteen thousand pounds he can't have made a bad buy. He nodded, content. "It's true. It is very beautiful."

### Ready to leave

At that moment, through the cacophony of loudspeakers that never stopped blaring out messages in echoing Dutch, an English voice announced that our aeroplane was ready to leave. Ole lurched slightly and took our arms. Feeling a rather curious trio of musketeers, we returned to the aeroplane. As we came on board, I saw that a man was sitting in my seat. He was small, completely bald and unmistakably German.

"Excuse me," I said. "That's my place." He looked up at me, smiled politely, opened his hands in a gesture of not understanding and murmured something in German.

"Doesn't matter. There are two seats behind," said Don over my shoulder. I really did not matter: the little man seemed very courteous, so Ole sat next to him while Don and I moved to a couple of other places farther back.

We were discussing our eccentric companion when Don cut me off sharply. "Look!" he said. "For a moment I could not understand what was going on. Two stewards and a young flying officer were leaning over Ole. The engines were already turning over and they drowned all sound. Then I realised that they had pulled Ole to his feet and were dragging him up the passage between the seats. I nudged Don. 'We'd better do something,' I said. We got up, followed quickly and tapped the officer on the arm. 'What's going on?'

The officer turned. He was tall, blond and very good-looking. "He's drunk. One of the passengers has complained," he nodded in the direction of Ole's seat. The little German was sitting watching us primly, his small pink hands folded on his lap.

"Look," said Don. "This gentleman is travelling with us." "Yes," I said in a rather grand voice. "We take complete responsibility for him. He's in a quite harmless state."

Indeed, Ole hung by the arms between two stewards nodding vacantly. "He never makes trouble," I could not resist the temptation and added: "He's our brother." At once I regretted it, but it was too late. The young steward was looking at me with eyes like two stars from the Spangled Banner.

"On an American aeroplane," he said, emphasising every word. "It is not customary to question the captain's orders."

We were crushed. There was nothing to say. Rather red in the face we watched Ole led out of the aeroplane, down the gangway, and the last we saw of him was a tiny figure frogmarched across an airstrip, just visible in a think that narrowed as the cabin door was pulled to.

A few days later Don and I were sitting in Berlin over a splendid meal. Coffee had been brought and we were leaning back contentedly in our chairs when suddenly I had an idea that made me sit bolt upright again.

"What about the travelling case?" "The travelling case?" "Yes, Ole's case, with the eighteen-thousand-pound bracelet." "Don stared at me in horror. "I mean, 'I do. He didn't take it off the aeroplane.'"

### A scheme

We both sat in silence for a moment, thinking of all that this meant. "It's that German," I said. "He must have been sitting behind us on the first part of the flight and heard Ole talking—or rather shouting—about the bracelet. So he hatched a scheme. At Amsterdam he quietly changed seats and sent the steward to complain to the captain that he did not like being near a drunk. Then when the aeroplane reached Berlin, he stretched up to the rack, took down the bag and went quietly and respectfully through the Customs—with nothing to declare."

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### DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

YES NO

Put your tick in the space above and below this panel by you will tomorrow when the answer will be given with another story in this series by...

ERIC WILLIAMS

Did yesterday's story—A Message to Bayeux—actually happen? The answer is YES.

## DO YOU CHARM, BAFFLE OR BORE YOURSELF TO SLEEP?

NEW York television viewers are to be given a soporific after a gruelling night's viewing. At one in the morning they will get two minutes' worth of sheep jumping over a stile—to send them to sleep happy and grateful for the benefits of TV.

I would be happy, too, to see this film. Having given the sheep-counting test a thorough try, and always had my imaginary sheep scampering up the mountain-side instead of over the stile it would be a relief to see them being obedient for once.

### FIVE GARDENIAS

But what do other people do when they want to go to sleep?

(1) Charm oneself to sleep with pleasant thoughts. (2) Bore oneself about it. (3) Bore oneself to sleep.

Pleasant thoughts seem to win. I asked Odette Churchill what her favourite sleep-sender was. She thinks of flowers. Not just any flowers, but five gardenias

she was once given when she was ill. "I make a little blank in my mind, and think about the gardenias until I imagine I can smell them. I look at their colour and purity until I can feel myself dropping to sleep. Even when I was in prison I was able to do this."

For Hardy Amies it is Venice. "I go up and down the Grand Canal in a vaporetto, naming all the stations to myself from San Marco to the railway station until I fall asleep. Never fails."

### STROKE BY STROKE

And Enid Blyton plays mental golf. "Golf is one of my great pleasures and I love to think about it. So I imagine I am standing on the first tee of my favourite golf course and play a game by myself, stroke by stroke."

"As to play a bad stroke would upset my peace of mind I must admit I play a better game this way than I do in reality. I go off to sleep quickly and very pleased with myself."

Red-haired Anna Massey who has just become a West End success in "The Reluctant Debutante," says she has a favourite game of imagining herself acting in various roles. "I have done this ever since I was very small. If I went to the pantomime I would play the leading part. Every play or

film I see becomes material for me to send myself to sleep by. "I never stay awake for long."

### RELAXATION

Leader of the scientific school is Mr. Ernest Marples, M.P. Marples has made a study of relaxation and has brought it to the point where he can achieve that politician's prerequisite—the cat nap—with no trouble at all.

"First, you have to be able to feel what real relaxation is," explains Mr. Marples. "So clench your fist as hard as you can. Now let it go. The lovely loose sensation you feel now is relaxation. And that is what you have to produce all over your body."

"Start at your head by concentrating on your forehead. Make it as tight as you can and then relax it. Next, do this to your nose and cheekbones."

With practice this process becomes very rapid and it is amazing how you can refresh yourself during the day in this way. I taught this method to Lady Megan Lloyd George, who slept badly, and she agrees it is wonderful."

Sir Adolphe Abrahams, coach to Olympic athletes, believes in deep breathing. "By deep breathing you get rid of the carbon dioxide at the centre of the brain," he says. "That is the scientific theory, but I'm not so sure it isn't the monotony of deep breathing that does it."

Which brings us to the "bore yourself to sleep" school, of which I am a member. Comedy writer T. E. B. Clarke also believes in sleep through tedium.

"I play a very complicated, very boring word game which consists of taking a letter of the alphabet and adding it to all the letters of the alphabet starting at A. I then have to find something to fit the initials. For instance, if I take B and add to it A, I then have BA, to which I brightly respond Buenos Aires or Bachelor of Arts. Next comes BB, to which I have to think of something appropriate, then BC."

"I get terribly bored with it in no time."

### THE AGONY

"Another boring trick I play is counting up all the people I have spoken to during the day."

Like T. E. B. Clarke, boredom is my hobby too. If I mentally go over the day, taking it scene by scene from the moment I wake, yawning, particularly on the agony it was to be awake in the first place, I have no further trouble.

Or give me two imaginary minutes at a bad political meeting and I'm sound asleep and wishing never to wake. Steadily, to bore oneself to sleep is the thing, I'm convinced. And as the range of things I find boring is vast, I get, if anything, far too much sleep.

— Anne Sharpley

Be- sides, on this occasion we were not wearing an overcoat. You know perfectly well that the watch clock provided by the Royal Naval Minewatching Service won't button round you. It should fit now you have stopped sending down bread and potatoes.

Well, it doesn't. Then you must stop sending down other things, such as liquids. I shall send down what I please.

You refuse to send down bread and potatoes, which I like, but send down gallons of stuff I don't like.

"Gallons" is a wild exaggeration. After years of abuse you expect me to stand up to the weather like a young unspooled stomach.

There were plenty of older stomachs than you on parade. They may have been treated with more consideration. They may have more guts.

It's time you understood that we are too old for this sort of nonsense. Don't talk like that. Remember you are in the Senior Service now.

Senior Service is right if you're talking about the average age of minewatchers.

And don't insult people who are doing their best. It's time we resigned.

And don't give me that yellow talk. The cold war may go on for 20 years.

What of it? Are you going to dress up in those silly clothes for 20 years? Now you're insulting the Queen's uniform.

I don't want to fool around playing at sailors for the rest of my life. Are you feeling very bad, Yes. Sick? Yes.

Would it help if I sent down a brandy? It would help if you stopped looking at advertisements of frying sausages and opened a tin of sardines. I think you'd better have a brandy.

I'd rather lie down. I'm opening the bottle. I don't want to, thank you. I'm pouring it out. Later on, please. Stand by for a double.

### Passionate Robot

I SAID to Albert the robot columnist: "You have a rival. An electronic brain called The Manchester University Computer has written a love letter."

Albert hung his foolish metal tongue out of the corner of his rectangular mouth as he doodled a female figure on a sheet of copy paper.

"Stop that," I said, slapping his steel claw. "Here is a beautiful letter written after terms of endearment had been fed into the brain. Listen."

Darling Sweetheart, You are my acid fellow feeling. My affection curiously clings to your passionate wish. My liking yearns for your heart. You are my wistful sympathy, my tender liking, Yours beautifully, M.U.C.

"What do you think of that?" I asked. "Slippery tripe," said Albert. "It's better than some of the terrible love poems you have written to Marilyn Monroe and Gina Lollobrigida. This is the work of a pure-minded and honourable robot."

"You never get anywhere with women by being pure-minded and honourable," said Albert. "Listen to this: 'You Gorgeous Animal...'"

"That's no way to address a decent modest girl, Albert." "I'm not writing to that kind of girl," said Albert. "Let's start again."

You are my acid fellow feeling and am I acid? I could eat you alive. I could crunch you like a nut. I could swallow you whole, like an oyster....

"You don't have to make a meal of her, Albert." "My affection curiously clings to your passionate wish and I hope your wish is as passionate as mine because I am hotter than a hot potato." "Careful, Albert."

"My liking yearns for your heart. You are my wistful sympathy, my tender liking. And if you think my liking is tender, you had better think again. It is mad, wild, savage...."

"Hard hard, Albert!" "It's hard, it's cooler, it's gentle. Grrr, grrr, grrr." "That will do, Albert."

"And it munches. Yum, yum, yum, yum." "I said that will do." "Grrr, grrr, yum, yum, hotcha, hotcha, hotcha." "Enough for today, Albert." "Beh, beh, beh, beh, beh."

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COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

12th June, 1955.

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The filled basket, carefully covered, is placed in a perforated vat where rum is added to the ingredients to produce the Bitters which, when marketed, have an alcoholic content of 46 per cent.

Formerly, the ingredients were steeped in rum for about four months. Percolation produces the same result in 24 hours. This speed-up in manufacture is the only essential change which has taken place since Dr. J.G.B. Siegert started selling his first bottles of Bitters in Venezuela in 1824.

The ingredients for Bitters are imported from several countries, including England. Two of them are obtained in Trinidad. That is about as much of the secret as is known.

There are three copies of the formula. One is kept in a safe in the Angostura Bitters office here. Another is deposited with a bank in Port of Spain. The third is in safe custody in New York.

The copy sent to New York is part of a policy of dispersal of the formula to ensure its preservation in the event of war. After being sealed this particular copy was cut into four pieces. One piece was dispatched to America and when its safe receipt had been acknowledged a second piece was sent and so on until the four sections were known to be in good hands.

The man who started the Bitters business was born towards the end of the 18th century. Dr. J.G.B. Siegert served as an army surgeon in the Second East Prussian Infantry at Waterloo. He arrived in Venezuela in 1820 with some former comrades-in-arms to

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"ASTYANAX"  
Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on June 17 and 18, 1955, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, June 15, 1955.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15  
By Air  
India-China, 6 p.m.  
Formosa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.  
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.  
Japan, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16  
By Air  
Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.  
Guan, Hawaii, U.S.A., 2 p.m.  
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
India, Pakistan, 6 a.m.  
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.  
Australia & New Zealand, 1 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17  
By Air  
Thailand, Burma, India, 3 a.m.  
Formosa, Japan, Korea, 10 a.m.  
India-China, 11 a.m.  
Philippines, 2 p.m.  
Formosa, 6 p.m.  
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.  
Japan, 6 p.m.  
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.

## Radio Hongkong

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6 Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.03, Lucky Dip-Variety Requests presented by Jean (Studio); 7. Then and Now. A tale by Bernard Russell O.M. No. 5, "Boleto: Discarded and Retained" (BBC); 7.15, Keyboard Memories by Ron Carter (Studio); 7.30, A Life of Bliss. Written by Godfrey Harrison. Produced by Leslie Brighmont (Part 1) (BBC); 7.35, Weather Report; 8. Three Signal and the News (London Relay); 8.55, Commentary (London Relay) or Special Announcements; 9.15, Music of the Twentieth Century: 1st Concerto for piano and orchestra - The Song of Gywn Ap Iudd (Joseph Holbrooke, Op. 23); 9.45, Recital by Edita Grubisic (soprano) with piano accompaniment by Isidor Albeniz (Concert Hall); 9. Time Signal, Wednesday Theatre, John Gielgud and Irene Worth in "Twelfth Night" by Anton Chekhov (BBC); 10.35, Weather Report; 11. Time Signal, Radio Real (London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; God Save the Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

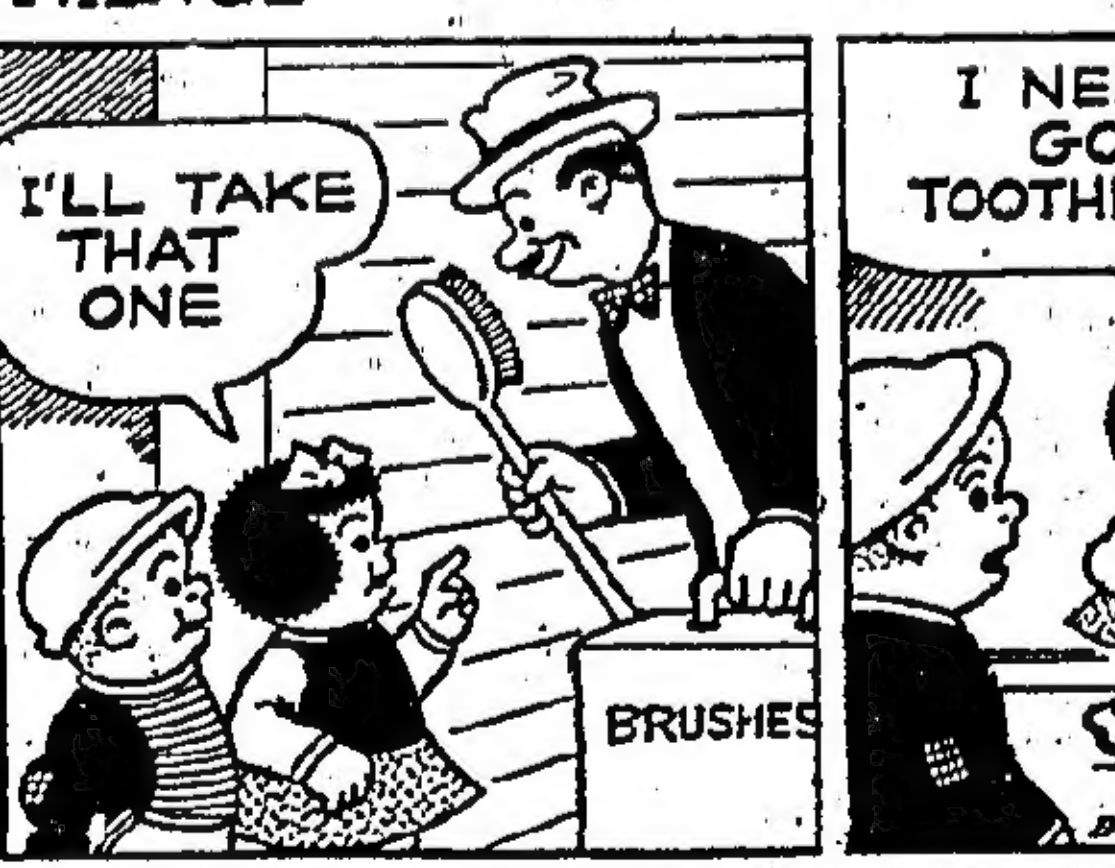
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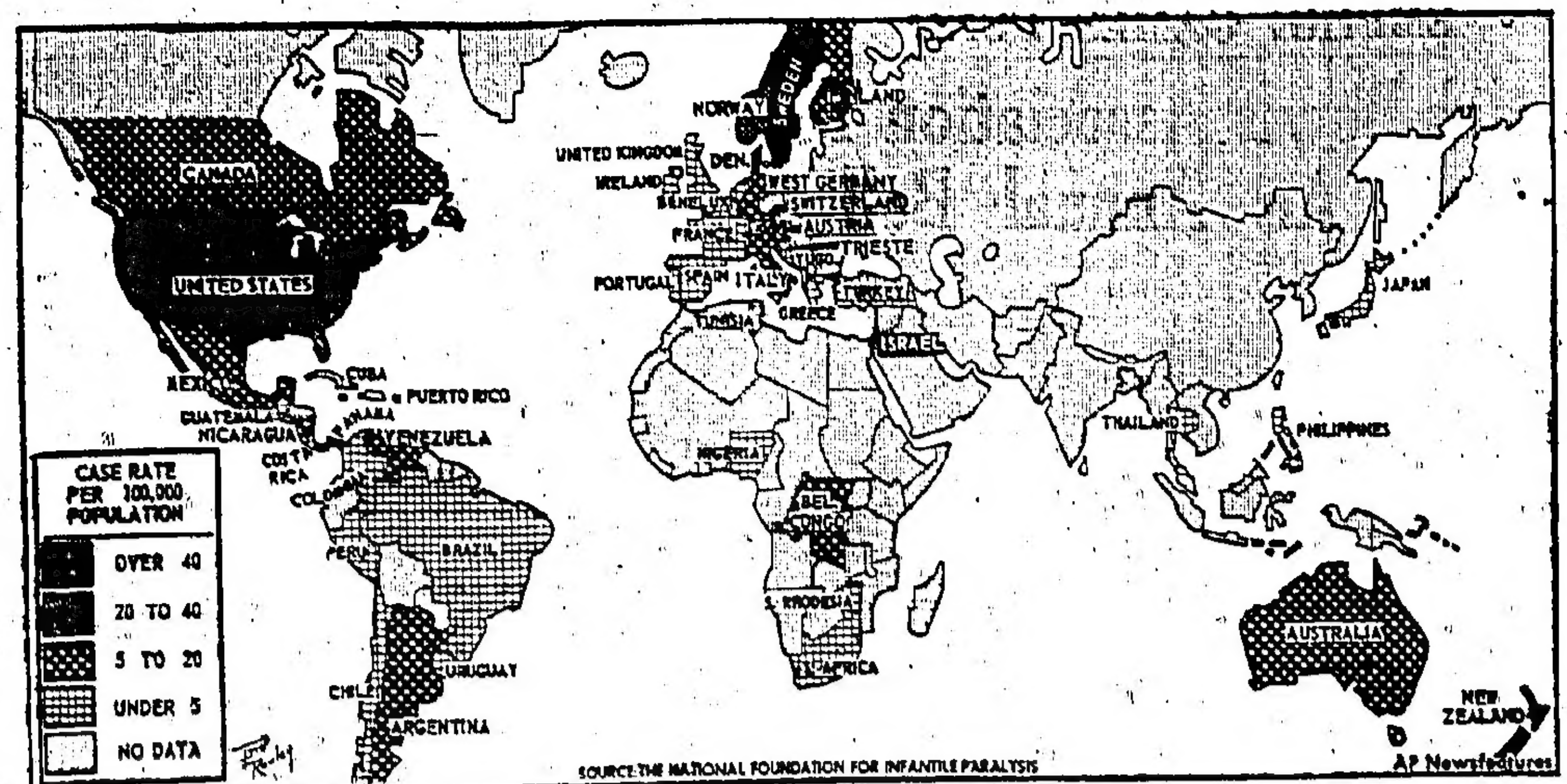
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## POLIO IS A GROWING PROBLEM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

By DAVID L. BOWEN

Associated Press Newsfeatures Writer

The Salk polio vaccine, once it brings polio under control in the United States, has a big job ahead of it in the rest of the world.

Crippling polio is a world scourge, apparently growing more and more damaging with each passing decade.

As the accompanying map shows, the United States does not suffer the highest incidence. That misfortune belongs to Sweden, whose latest available polio case rate was 71.4 per 100,000 population. Tiny Israel has the second highest rate at 54.9.

Denmark with 37.0, Switzerland with 33.8, Nor-

way with 32.3 and New Zealand with 25.3 all possess rates above the United States 24.0. Figures for 1953 are the latest available on all these countries except Israel, the United States and Switzerland.

### The Greatest

Because of its larger population, the United States has the greatest number of victims. Last year more than 38,000 persons contracted polio in the United States. The Swedish figure was only a bit more than 5,000 and the total in Israel was only 785.

There is ample evidence that poliomyelitis has existed all over the world since the beginning of recorded history. Up until the end of the last century it usually manifested itself in scattered cases.

However, at the turn of the century small epidemics began to appear - almost invariably in those countries where the importance of sanitation and hygiene were most widely realized. Once victim of an epidemic, these advanced countries appeared to be subjected to an ever rising polio rate. In the United States, for example, the rate has jumped from an average of 8,570

cases a year between 1939 and 1943 to nearly 40,000 per year between 1950 and 1954. With 57,000 cases, 1952 was the worst polio year in US history. This year polio is off to a faster start than it was in 1952.

Research by Dr. A.M. Payne of the United Nations World Health Organisation indicates that polio apparently is becoming more and more of a problem as more and more countries improve their standards of living.

### Many Immune

Although the numerical relation is unknown, it is certain that for every person paralysed or killed by polio many others contract the disease but do not become seriously ill. Thereafter they are immune to the type of polio virus their system successfully overcame. Three different types of polio have been identified in the United States and the Salk vaccine gives immunity to each.

Dr. Payne says studies indicate that in backward regions almost every child is infected with polio virus at an early age and thereafter apparently enjoys a natural immunity. This high infection rate might not be reached in highly developed countries, he continues, until early adult life - perhaps accounting for the fact polio tends to strike a larger number of older persons in such countries.

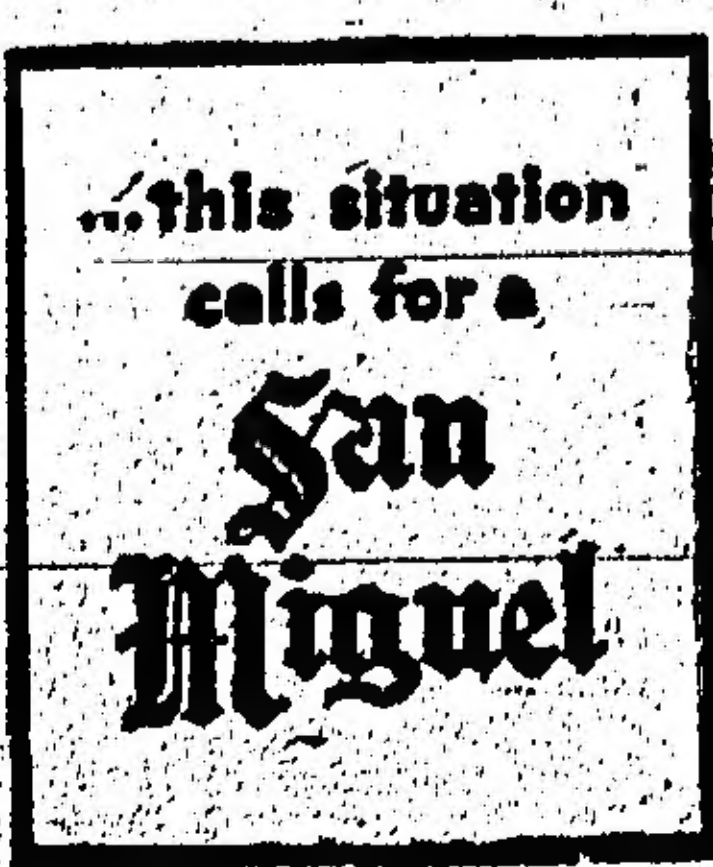
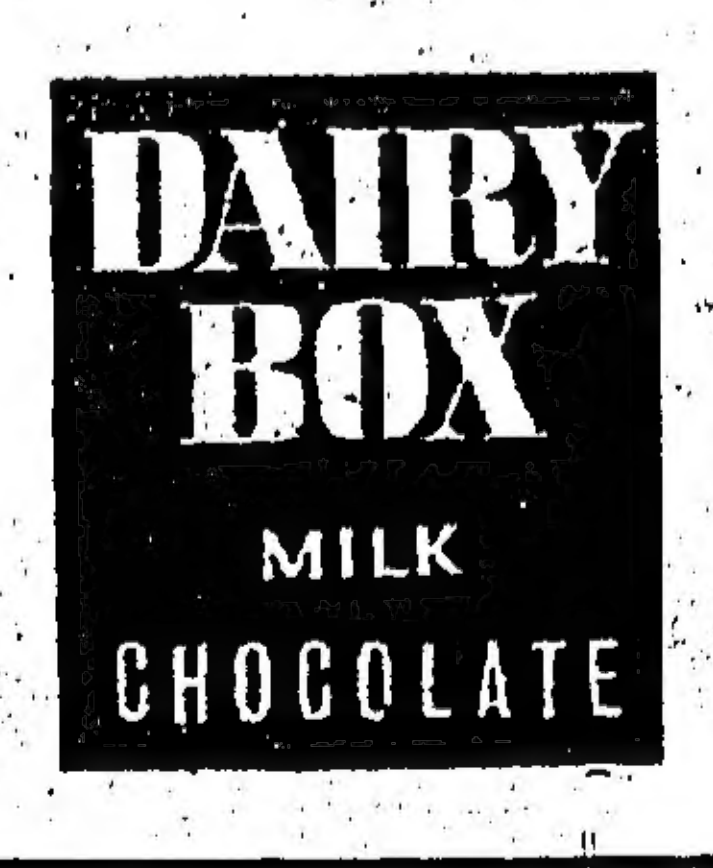
"There is actually more poliomyelitis infection in tropical and sub-tropical regions where there is relatively little clinical disease than there is in temperate zones where severe epidemics occur," Dr. Payne maintains.

### Support

The situation in Israel supports this belief. Large numbers of persons arriving from temperate regions develop far higher clinical infection rates than similar groups in their home countries.

At present Canada and Denmark are the only countries outside the United States with mass vaccine inoculation programme under way. Both manufacture their own vaccine.

In France the Pasteur Institute is developing a vaccine similar to Dr. Salk's and plans to test it soon. Both Norway and Switzerland hope to start vaccination campaigns as soon as vaccine becomes available from United States manufacturers. Sweden expects to inoculate a million persons with its own vaccine next year.





## RESTORATION OF GERMAN MONARCHY

Bonn, June 14.  
Leading members of the former German Imperial House of Hohenzollern are adopting a "wait and see" attitude to a new movement which aims at the restoration of the Monarchy in Germany.

The "Movement for Kaiser and Reich" wants to bring back the Hohenzollerns as rulers of a reunited Germany, whose frontiers would be "fixed by justice and international law". Its founders are a 29-year-old Bonn financial consultant, named Wilhelm Werth, and 45-year-old Westphalian elementary school-teacher and ex-officer, Walter Hannemann. Both were unknown until now.

None of the 60 or so members they have so far enrolled is well known. But Werth claims, "the names are rolling in and we hope soon to start forming local groups and a proper national organization."

Werth has sunk his savings to start a bi-monthly newspaper entitled Kaiser und Reich, whose first issue, published last month, bore the Imperial eagle on its title-page and had on its front page a large picture of the last Kaiser, Wilhelm II, in Prussian military uniform.

### NAZI MEMBER

Would-be members of the Movement must send two marks (3s 4d sterling) and a stamped addressed envelope to Hannemann, provisional "Reich leader" of the organization and a one-time ordinary member of the Nazi party. They must give assurances of their agreement with the basic aims of the Movement and swear on oath that they have not committed any crimes against humanity or treason against Germany.

Werth, who was in the Luftwaffe during World War II, says that since the last Kaiser went into exile in Holland, in 1918, "Germany has never been really happy."

He adds that he has never been a member of any political party before, although like most people of his age he was a member of the Hitler Youth and came to favour the idea of a Monarchy after the war.

"Hitler was for me and many others virtually a god," he explains. "Many people followed him because he was in a sense a symbol for the monarchy. But a symbol for the good attributes of the German people. That was our disaster."

The head of the Hohenzollern House, whom Werth and his associates would like to see occupying the throne again, is Prince Louis Ferdinand of Prussia, 47-year-old grandson of the last Kaiser. He lives with his wife, Princess Kira, a former Grand Duchess of Russia and their seven children, near Bremen.

The children, aged from five to 16, go to State schools. Three of them, including the eldest son, Friedrich Wilhelm, won scholarships to a Gymnasium, the German secondary school.

"We do not want to send our children to private schools," the Prince explains. "We think it better for them to live in the family."

### FAMILY SEAT

Prince Louis Ferdinand worked for the Ford Motor Company in the United States in the early thirties, and for its German subsidiary for some time after World War II. Now, he administers the West German possessions of the family which include the family seat, Burg Hohenzollern, in Württemberg, and a house in Hamburg. Most of the family estates were in Eastern Germany and have been expropriated by the Communists.

Asked whether he approved the efforts of the Movement to bring back the Monarchy, the Prince said: "I do not for me to make declarations on this matter. My opinion is subjective. The German people must decide for themselves."

The Prince said that he does not know any of the people in the new Movement and has received no proposals from them. The fifth and only surviving son of the Kaiser, Prince Oskar von Preussen, 87-year-old Master of the German Order of St John, who lives with his wife in a small house at the side of the Order's headquarters in Bonn, refused to comment. A member of his household, however, speaking in the Prince's house which contains old Hohenzollern armour and war trophies, said that the Prince had read the Movement's newspaper.

One member of the House of Hohenzollern-likely to have no more than academic interest in the new movement is Prince Louis Ferdinand's youngest brother, 44-year-old Fritz, who is married to a member of the wealthy Irish Guinness family which has farms at Little Hadham, Hertfordshire, near London. He spent the war years in Britain under the pseudonym, "Mr. Mansfield".

In a similar position is Prince Louis Ferdinand's youngest sister, Cecile, who is now the wife of Mr. Clyde Harris, an architect at Amarillo, Texas.—China Mail Special.

# German Steel Town Planned

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$358,819. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

### SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS  
HSK Bank 1580 1890 10 1680  
East Asia 21

INSURANCE  
Union 945  
Lombard 51

### SHIPPING

Waterfront 19.00  
DOCKERS 75 75  
Wharf 75 75  
Provisional (C) 11.40 13.50  
Wholesale 7.70 7.74 2500 7.70  
1500 7.74

### LAND, ETC.

HSK Hotel 15.70 18.00 1000 16.80  
Land 12.15 50 500 10.00  
Humphreys 11.00

Realty 2.07 2.10 100 2.10

### UTILITIES

Star Ferry 148 100 148  
Yam Yai Ferry 117 118 230 118  
C. Light (C) 23.00 23.20 700 23.20  
C. Light (N) 15.50 16 100 15.50

Electric 38.15 38.75 1700 38.15  
Macao Elec 10.90 11 500 10.90  
Telephone 33.37 34 300 33.37

### INDUSTRIALS

Cement 23.50 23.90  
Rope 15.50

### STORES, ETC.

Empire 21.10 21.12 400 21.10  
L. Crawford 25 500 25.10  
80 25.10

### COTTONS

Textile Corp. 5.85 5.70  
Nanyang 7.10 500 7.00

### MISCELLANEOUS

Allied 4.14 4.80 1000 4.77 1/2

## World Cotton Markets

New York, June 14.

Cotton prices today opened slightly higher and approximately maintained that position for the rest of another slow session. Closing on a mild rally the list finished with net gains of 9 to 15 points. Opening prices were up 1 to 4 points. New Orleans closed up 9 to 10 points.

Trading originated mostly among professionals, with evening-up operations in July before first notice day—June 24—accounting for a good part of the small business. Open July contracts at the start of trading today totalled 477,700 bales.

Liverpool brokers bought old July against sales of new crop July. Local traders and commission houses were reported on both sides of the market in a small way.

Outside speculative interest remained dormant while traders awaited definite Washington development plan for the disposal of commodity surpluses.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

	Volume	Open Interest
July	22,000	477,700
Oct.	9,000	496,500
Jan.	11,800	528,200
Mar.	6,800	233,600
May	6,500	155,200
July	4,700	24,000
Oct.	107,800	2,240,000

### NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

	Spot	July	Oct.	Jan.	Mar.	May	July	Oct.
Spot	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25
July	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25
Oct.	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25
Jan.	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25
Mar.	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25
May	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25
July	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25
Oct.	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25

### NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

	Spot	July	Oct.	Jan.	Mar.	May	July	Oct.
Spot	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90
July	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90
Oct.	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90
Jan.	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90
Mar.	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90
May	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90
July	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90
Oct.	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90

### LIVERPOOL

Future closings, American middling, in pence per lb. were as follows:

	July	Oct.	Jan.	Mar.	May	July	Oct.
July	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17
Oct.	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17
Jan.	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17
Mar.	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17
May	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17
July	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17
Oct.	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17	31.17

### SAO PAULO

Future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

	July	Oct.	Jan.	Mar.	May	July	Oct.
July	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92
Oct.	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92
Jan.	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92
Mar.	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92
May	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92
July	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92
Oct.	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92

### AMSTERDAM

The market was irregular. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif July as follows:

	July	Oct.	Jan.	Mar.	May	July	Oct.
July	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97
Oct.	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97
Jan.	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97
Mar.	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97
May	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97
July	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97
Oct.	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97

### UNITED STATES

Future closings, in cents per lb. were as follows:

	July	Oct.	Jan.	Mar.	May	July	Oct.
July	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92
Oct.	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92
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May	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92
July	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92
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May	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92
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Oct.	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92
Jan.	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92
Mar.	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92
May	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92
July	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92	23.92
Oct.	23.92	23.92					



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## Gold Forfeiture Application

### Argument On Point Of Law

Argument on a point of law arising from an application by the Crown for the forfeiture of a quantity of gold seized by the Department of Commerce and Industry was heard before Mr Justice J.R. Gregg, acting Senior Puisne Judge, in the Appeal Court this morning.

Decision was reserved.

Appellant was Chow So, claimant, for 20 bars of gold weighing 98.8 ticals seized by Revenue officers on August 28, 1954.

The Department of Commerce and Industry made an application before Mr J. E. Durling at the Central for forfeiture of the gold to the Crown, but hearing of the application is in abeyance pending the decision of the Appeal Court on the point of law.

Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr Peter Mo, of Messrs Mo and Co., appeared for the appellant, and Mr D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, appeared for the Director of Commerce and Industry.

**RULING SOUGHT**  
Mr Yu said the appeal before the Court had the object of seeking a ruling on a point which his Lordship in a previous case heard in 1954, but not then decided as that point was not at issue.

The question before the Court was whether Regulation 3 of the Emergency (Importation and Exportation) Ordinance (Amendment) Regulations, published in the Gazette on July 2, 1954, gave the Magistrate jurisdiction to order the forfeiture of gold imported in contravention of the Importation of Gold (Prohibition) Order of 1947, after July 2, 1954.

Mr Yu said he would submit the point at issue, was whether Regulation 3 "properly" gave the Magistrate jurisdiction to order the forfeiture of gold seized. After reviewing the history of the Ordinance and Regulations, he submitted that Section 14 of the principal Ordinance of 1952 was clear in stating that any offence against any order made under the principal Ordinance would be punished only by fine and imprisonment and not by forfeiture.

Counsel questioned whether Regulation 3 could have the effect of law. Orders were not regulations, he declared. He submitted that it was not a proper amendment and was therefore ultra vires and void.

**CROWN'S REPLY**  
Mr Rea, in reply, said the real question before the Court was whether Regulation 3 meant what it said or something entirely different. He submitted that the Governor-in-Council was empowered under the Ordinance to make whatever regulations he liked, and if any doubt arose this was removed by the words "without prejudice to the generality of..."

It was Crown Counsel's submission that the amendment to the 1954 Regulations made clear that the Governor-in-Council did include "order." He commented on the difficulty in drafting legislation and said that despite the wording of Regulation 3 the law had in fact been changed.

His Lordship said it seemed to him that an entirely new Ordinance should have been enacted and all amendments incorporated instead of a number of amendments made piece-meal to the principal Ordinance.

Replying briefly to Crown Counsel's submissions, Mr Yu pointed to the ridiculous position whereby the Governor sought by means of regulations to declare that "regulation" included "order" when he had earlier, by legislation, recognised that regulations and orders were different.

## Arab Terrorists On Trial

Constantine, June 14. Eleven Arabs went on trial here today in the first terrorism case before a military court since a state of emergency was proclaimed in Algeria last April 24. The defendants were accused of having attacked the Algerian village of Pasteur on the night of November 14, 1954. France-Press.

## Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.

### Profit Made Despite Very Difficult Year

In spite of a "very difficult year", a net profit of \$74,032 for the year 1954 was reported by the Chairman (Mr H. D. M. Barton) at the 70th annual general meeting of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., held in the Boardroom of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at noon today.

A dividend of 10% on the deferred ordinary shares was recommended.

Following is the Chairman's statement:  
As anticipated in the Chairman's statement on the occasion of the last annual meeting, the year 1954 proved to be very difficult. There were further falls in freight rates and a general scarcity of remunerative cargoes in our main trades. There is no doubt that all liner companies trading within the Far East area found this a very trying period, and in the circumstances it may be considered satisfactory that we have achieved a small profit. There was, I am glad to say, a welcome improvement towards the end of the year when cargo in our trades became more plentiful and freight rates started an upward trend to more satisfactory levels.

Before referring to the details of the accounts I will give a brief summary of the Company's operations. The tonnage at our disposal during 1954, in terms of cargo lifting available, averaged about 250 tons less per month than in 1953, as we had no vessels on charter to the Company this year and the new vessel Hopsang was on the berth only in the last quarter. At the end of the year the figure was approximately 64,000 tons.

The Bay of Bengal/Japan service, the Company's oldest trade and one in which we have had a very strong interest ever since the Company was founded in 1861, again felt the strain of increasing competition. While we are fortunate in having many loyal supporters of long standing in this trade, the freight rates on some of the main commodities, particularly from Japan, fell so low that it became difficult for this service to make ends meet. Most of the other Japan/Bay of Bengal lines undoubtedly had the same experience, and it is hoped that the coming year the lines concerned will achieve a better degree of Conference co-operation and stability for the mutual benefit of themselves and shippers also.

**WELL SUPPORTED**  
Our Borneo Line vessels continued to be well supported. In order to meet the increased requirements of our timber shippers in British North Borneo it was decided to acquire additional ships for this service. A sister ship of the other "H" class vessels was purchased and after being renamed Hopsang joined the service in October. We have recently concluded negotiations for the purchase of another ship of the same class which we expect to place in commission in June.

Our Australia China Line service, in common with others in this trade suffered from the low rates on "filling" cargoes and from the scarcity of cargo from Japan to Australia. This reduced earnings were further affected by port congestion and delays caused by waterside labour disputes in Australia.

Two new vessels Wosang and Esang continued throughout the year under charter to the Ministry of Transport for operation on Sea Transport Service. The charter of the Wosang has been extended to September, 1955, but the Esang being no longer required has recently been redelivered to us.

As previously mentioned, there was one addition to the Company's fleet during the year under review, this being the s.s. Hopsang for our Borneo service, which was acquired in the United Kingdom at a very satisfactory price. On December 31, 1954, the Company's fleet comprised 15 ships of a total gross tonnage of 64,071, the average age being approximately 10 1/2 years. I am glad to be able to report that the construction of the new vessel Eastern Argosy by Messrs William Denny & Brothers Ltd., Dumbarton, is well under way, and she is expected to be launched in September next and delivered to us in December.

**IMPORTANT DECISION**  
During the year a decision of considerable interest and importance was taken, namely to participate in conjunction with the Colonial Development Corporation and Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in the formation of

the West Indies Navigation Co., Ltd. Your Directors felt that they should take the opportunity of exploring the possibilities in an area which is embarking on a programme of expansion and development. It was felt that to enter new fields, and with the enthusiastic co-operation of the Governments concerned, was a step which should be tried. This new company was formed for the purpose of operating a shipping service between the British Islands of the West Indies under a subsidy from the various Island Governments and with the full support of the Government of the United Kingdom. In its initial stages it is unlikely that there will be any remarkable profit or loss. There are, however, potentialities in front of us which with the continued ready help of the West Indian Governments we hope will develop to the advantage of all concerned. It will take time and hard work, two facets of business to which the Indo-China is not unaccustomed.

The s.s. Wingsang was chosen for this new service, and after being renamed West Indian, she left Hongkong on November 2, proceeding first to Calcutta where she loaded a cargo of gunnies, and arrived at Port of Spain, Trinidad, on December 28. She came under time charter to the West Indies Navigation Co., Ltd., in January of this year. Let us hope that we may now be at the beginning of a new and successful venture. It is too soon to say, more.

I regret I cannot report any reduction in operating costs. Oil bunker prices, as a high level, and there appears no relief in sight in spite of the apparent world abundance of oil. Ship overhaul and repair costs likewise show no signs of decreasing, but I am pleased to be able to record that the Company's vessels experienced no serious accidents during the year.

**THE ACCOUNTS**  
Turning to the Accounts, the balance of the Ships Working Account amounted to £135,000, as compared with £254,400 in 1953. Income from British and Dominion governments securities was £23,890, approximately the same as for the previous year. As anticipated last year, the receipt of further outstanding tax assessments and their settlement has enabled us this year to write back more overprovisions, this time the substantial sum of £24,156, to credit of Profit and Loss.

On the expenditure side, the depreciation on steamships and properties is at £28,560, approximately the same figure as last year. There is a lower provision for taxation because the taxable profits are considerably reduced.

The net profit carried to Appropriation Account is £74,032. Adding the balance of £76,366 brought forward from 1953, there is an amount of £150,398 available for appropriation, as compared with the 1953 figure of £229,827.

As you are aware it is the Company's policy, to distribute wherever possible to the staff about a reasonable bonus out of the profits of the Company in the form of a grant to the Provident Fund. Your Directors recommended £10,000 this year as a sum appropriate to the lower net profit.

Your Directors also recommended transfer of £15,000 to Ships' Replacement Reserve and £10,000 to Underwriting Reserve.

After providing for the required 6% dividend on the cumulative preferred ordinary shares, your Directors recommended the same dividend as last year on the deferred ordinary shares, namely 10%, but they regret that they cannot this year recommend any bonus payment. The total dividend will amount to £64,460, and with the other recommended appropriations will leave a balance of £50,932 to be carried forward to 1955.

Your Directors have given very careful consideration to these suggested appropriations and ask you to endorse their recommendations. In accordance with usual practice these appropriations have been incorporated in the accounts submitted.

## Govt House Presentation



### Air Pilots Receive Decorations

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, GCMG, this morning presented to Captain Philip Blown and Captain Cedric Windas Carlton, both of Cathay Pacific Airways, the Badge of the "Queen's Commendation For Valuable Service in the Air."

Captain Blown was Commander and Captain Carlton was First Officer of the CPA aircraft VR-HEU which was shot down off Hainan Island last July.

Prior to the presentations, the ADC to the Governor, Mr M. C. Illingworth, read the certificates accompanying the Badge and signed by the then Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill.

The wording of Captain Blown's certificate is as follows: "By the Queen's Order the name of Philip Blown, Captain of Aircraft, Cathay Pacific Airways, was published in the London Gazette on 22nd February, 1955 as commended for valuable service in the air. I am charged to record Her Majesty's high appreciation. Winston S. Churchill, Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury."

Captain Carlton's certificate is worded in identical form.

**FINES ON BADGES**  
His Excellency then pinned the silver badge on the breast of Captain Blown and Captain Carlton in turn and congratulated them.

Present at the brief ceremony were a number of relatives and executives of Cathay Pacific Airways, including Mrs Blown and their teenage daughter, Miss Philippa Blown, the Hon J. A. Blackwood and Mrs Blackwood, Mr and Mrs W. C. G. Knowles, Captain C. F. Moore, Captain and Mrs K. W. Steele, Mr and Mrs J. T. Gething, Mrs K. M. Harding, Mr and Mrs W. Gray, Mr and Mrs N. Hart-Evans, Captain and Mrs Smith and Mr and Mrs T. A. Box.

Turning to the balance sheet, it will be seen that the value of the fleet is now £1,852,687, which includes the additional "H" class vessel purchased during the year and a payment on account of the new vessel now building. Shore property at £13,020 is £6,770 less than the previous year, as we disposed of one property during 1954.

Investments are reduced, some Government securities having been sold in order to pay the first instalment on the new vessel. We also disposed of our holding previously shown under Trade Investments. As the shares in the West Indies Navigation Co., Ltd. were obtained without cost, they have been recorded under Trade Investments at a nominal figure of £1.

On the liabilities side of the balance sheet, our provision for taxation is considerably reduced as we have managed to agree assessments and settle several years' arrears of taxes in Hongkong and Calcutta. The Reserve for Deferred and Ships' Survey Repairs is also much reduced, in view of the rather large number of special surveys that were carried out during the year.

Once again your Directors wish to record their appreciation of the loyal service of all the staff, both ashore and afloat, whose willing co-operation has helped the Company through a difficult year.

With regard to the prospects for 1955, as I have already indicated there has been a material improvement during the first few months. If the remainder of the year continues in like manner there is every reason to hope that when we meet again next year the results should be better.

## CLAIM AGAINST RESTAURANT

### Lack Of Supervision By Witness Denied

A denial that the reason he did not know how many times the walls had been painted was because he did not exercise proper supervision, was made by Mr D. Chia, partner of General Artcrafts, plaintiffs, when hearing of their claim for \$9,740 against the Peking Restaurant continued before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes in the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr Chia who was being cross-examined by Mr Victor Gittins, Counsel for the defendants, said that the columns in the dining room received eight coats of paint. He could not say exactly how many times the walls were painted. He would have to ask the painters who did the job.

The claim is for balance of payment for work done in the interior decoration of the Peking Restaurant.

Plaintiffs are represented by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr Cheung Wing-in, of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist.

Mr Victor Gittins, instructed by Mr G. H. H. Colby, of Messrs Johnson Stokes and Master, appeared for the Peking Restaurant.

Defendants are counter-claiming \$1,713.20, being over-payment to the plaintiffs or in the alternative \$11,453.50, being cost of making good alleged defects in the work.

**MIRRORS INSTALLED**  
Witness told Mr Gittins that the agreement with defendant firm was signed on March 2, 1954 and they started work 14 days afterwards. The mirrors were installed, a month or so later.

Shelves were placed behind the mirrors on Mr Shum's instructions. This was not provided for in the contract and he made no extra charge for them.

Witness agreed that a mirror (Court exhibit) was one of the mirrors installed, as well as the backing material. He declared he did not guarantee that the backing was waterproof.

Witness disagreed with Counsel's suggestion that putting on the backing was bad workmanship and that he should have used some sort of material such as Counsel produced. Mr Chia added that if he were instructed to use the material suggested by Counsel he would have charged for it. On the other hand, witness said that the mirrors could have gone without the backing material.

The material placed behind the mirrors was paper, witness said. The sample produced by Counsel was water-proof sheet, although it was not of the best quality.

No complaint was made to him that the mirrors became discoloured a few days after they were installed, witness said. It was true that moisture was showing on the mirrors. He had visited the premises and advised the moisture. Witness added that defendants knew the effect of the damp walls.

He knew of an anti-damp measure, namely the application of blow-pipe flame on walls before applying paint to them. It was, however, not a measure of lasting effect. Witness explained that this measure was not taken because defendants

were anxious to get business started and they could not wait for the application of this measure that would not probably have helped much, because dampness would come out recurrently.

**DISAGREES**  
Witness disagreed that the poor quality of the under-coating of the plaster of paris contributed to the bad results of the paintwork on the tiles.

He agreed different kinds of paint were used for old walls as distinct from new walls. The point he used was a very good brand for new buildings. In any event the defendants would have to repaint the walls because the first coating would be damaged by dampness. He painted the columns in the dining room eight times. He could not recall how many times the walls were so painted. He would have to ask the painters. He denied a suggestion that the reason he did not know was because he did not exercise proper supervision.

Hearing is continuing.

**Prison For Loiterer**  
Kwok Hung, 24, who claimed to be a Press reporter, was this morning sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr H. E. How at Kowloon when he pleaded guilty to a charge of being a suspected person found loitering. The prison term is to commence from the date of arrest on May 5.

Defendant, alias Kwok Shiu-hung, alias George Kwok, of 57 Sha Po Road, co-accused, had three previous convictions, according to the Police record.

In mitigation, defendant asked for leniency and pleaded for a final chance. The Magistrate, however, said he could not take a lenient view of the case as defendant had such a bad record.

Witness said that Kwok Hung at 2.20 a.m. on May 5 near the staircase of 24 Junction Road. The Police questioned him and he claimed that he was residing on a floor above. The Officer checked and found that defendant was not telling the truth.

**Chicago To See Hongkong**  
Three dimensional colour films of Hongkong are soon to be shown in Chicago. Taken by Mr and Mrs Tangdelius, who are trying hard despite the bad weather in Hongkong, to get good results, the films are to be shown on their return to the United States.

Miss Lolita Linn (Mrs Tangdelius) was the Director of last year's World Travel Festival in Chicago. One of the highlights of this festival was a fashion show of clothes from around the world. The two Chinese dresses sent from Hongkong last year were a great success, said Miss Linn, "and we hope to have more from other people this year."

While in Hongkong, Miss Linn is going to arrange for some of these dresses to be sent to her. She also hopes to have a trade stall to show what one can buy in the Orient.

The World Travel Festival is held annually in the Hotel Sherman and last year more than 38,000 people attended in three days. Exhibitions of food and clothes are the main items of interest and this year they hope that Hongkong will be represented in both.

Another idea which if for the future, Miss Linn said, is to have a travel wardrobe from Hongkong televised. This, however, has nothing to do with the festival.



Those of you who saw the J. C. Heard show at the Queen's last Sunday may agree with me when I deplore the scarcity of live shows in Hongkong.

There are drama groups, amateur orchestras and choirs, but no "pop" entertainment parties. The only active body of people in this line are the Aesopians, for many years been taking shows around the tropic camps but seldom put on a show for the public.

I suppose that there is the talent here but it needs getting together and organising. That is quite a formidable task. I believe you are, and the number of local shows that have started to rehearse but never performed, must be considerable.

For a really good show what do you need? Say a couple of good singers, one girl and one boy, half a dozen dancers, two comedians and a star or five. You need, maybe, a speciality act or two, a juggler, acrobats, a small group of versatile musicians. To these add a producer and a stage crew... and what do we have... just a wish which I don't imagine will ever be granted.

The popular type of entertainment will continue to be confined to the screen-and-to records... which reminds me that what I have written so far is very much off the record.

**What Is Liberace?**  
I read recently that an American agent has been to England and has been talking to people in the TV business about buying Liberace films for the new British commercial television service. Also recently I have heard people ask who or what "Liberace" is. Liberace is an American of Italian extraction who plays the piano as though he didn't like it.

He plays in the glittering illumination of a crystal chandelier which seems almost dimmed when he is in the room. He is a rendering of Chopin, Rachmaninoff and various other celebrated pianists to the world's ear, and as if that wasn't enough he sometimes sings!

In short, he is an American phenomenon and I wish the British public the best of luck if his films are ever shown on TV in this country.

**Face Behind The Voice?**



Because I was surprised when told the name of the singer whose face appears above I am going to pass on the surprise to you by telling you who he is. He was born in 1919 and came to the front as a singer after working in service in the United States Air Force. He is a free-lance married, likes fishing, hunting and horse racing. "Liberace" is his stage name and giving his name to the first correct answer opened up for the reader a free copy of his latest record.

**Where They Are**  
This evening, June 15, at Hornsey Town Hall Jose Ferrer will be appearing in a his character of the poet-philosopher, children. Londoners will appreciate this gesture which seems to show that the French like England as much as his wife does. Stan Kenton may soon be playing at such big British ballrooms as the Astoria in Nottingham, the Hercules in Norwich and the Coronation in Ramsgate. Arrangements are said to be afoot to make an exchange between Kenton and England's Ted Heath.

Johnny Dankworth, British band leader, has gone to America to make a musical tour for Capitol Records. To make the traffic both ways fair, even it is expected that Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong will soon be visiting Ireland. The Crew Cuts are going to have competition from three gentlemen who have made their first record 22" RCA Victor. They call themselves the "Three Gentlemen" and one of them is TV comedian Sid Caesar. The title of the first disc is "You Are So Fine". Mr. Judging by the photo I have seen of the trio, haircuts are rare in their too.

**Record Review**  
We only have space for one record this week and it is a good one. The music of Sigmund Romberg has recently found a new audience in the country who saw the film "Deep Is My Heart". On a DECCA 45 of the Mantovani Orchestra play four of the songs from the film. "Deep Is My Heart", "Softer as a Morning Sunrise", "You will remember Vienna" and "The Desert Song". There is a much I can say about the melodies and even less about the Mantovani Orchestra. The two blend together beautifully and the recording quality lives up to them both. A very satisfactory record for those who like the string arrangements of very good melodies.

DECCA DPA 500. One 10 rpm Extended Play record.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"We're all set for the baseball season, Joe—my girl friend has a new set with a 24-inch screen!"